

Supporting Information

Substrate-Controlled Rh(II)-Catalyzed Single-Electron-Transfer (SET): Divergent Synthesis of Fused Indoles

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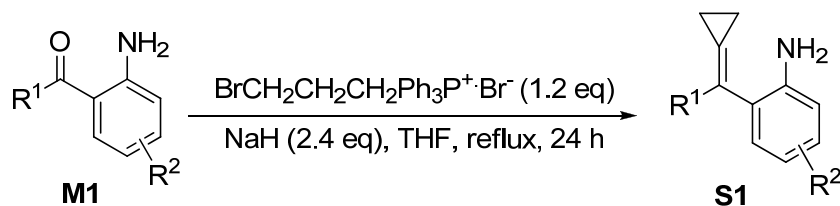
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General remarks

Dichloromethane was freshly distilled from calcium hydride; THF, Et₂O and toluene were distilled from sodium (Na) under argon (Ar) atmosphere. Melting points were determined on a digital melting point apparatus and temperatures were uncorrected. ¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AM-300 or AM-400 spectrophotometers. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer PE-983 spectrometer with absorption in cm⁻¹. Flash column chromatography was performed using 300-400 mesh silica gel. For thin-layer chromatography (TLC), silica gel plates (Huanghai GF254) were used. Mass spectra were recorded by EI, and HRMS were measured on a HP-5989 instrument.

General procedure for the synthesis of MCPs

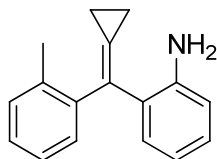


Compounds **M1** were prepared according to the previous literature.^[1]

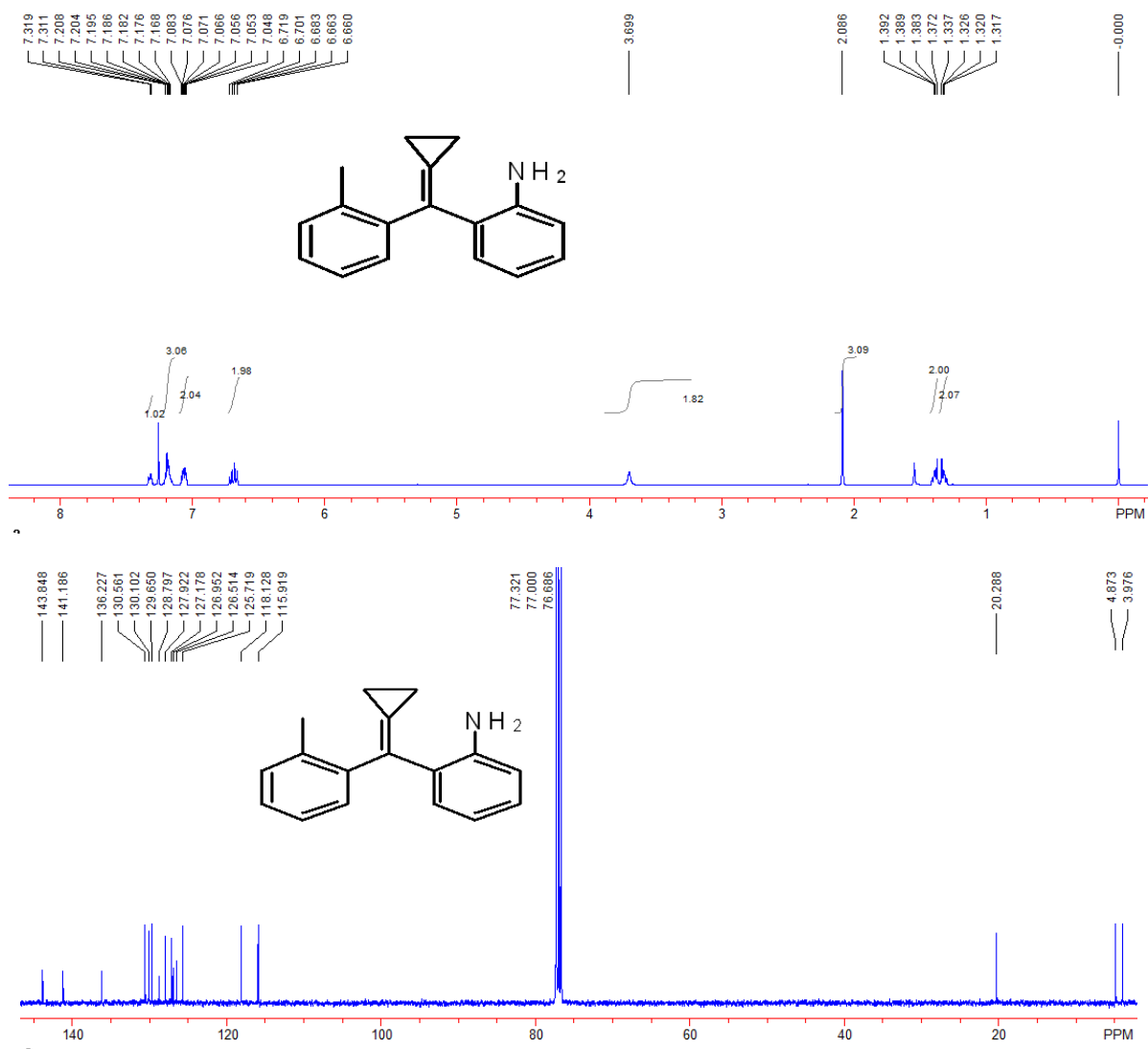
A solution of 3-bromopropyltriphenylphosphonium bromide (5.5 g, 12 mmol) and NaH (576 mg, 24 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was stirred at 70 °C for 12 h. Afterwards **M1** (10 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added and the reaction solution was stirred at 70 °C for another 12 h. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 50/1) to afford the products in moderate yields.^[2]

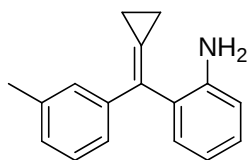
Other MCPs were prepared according to our previous work.^[3]

Spectroscopic data for compounds S1b, S1c, S1g and S1i

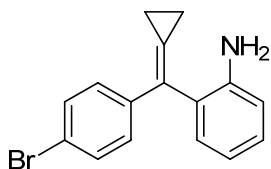
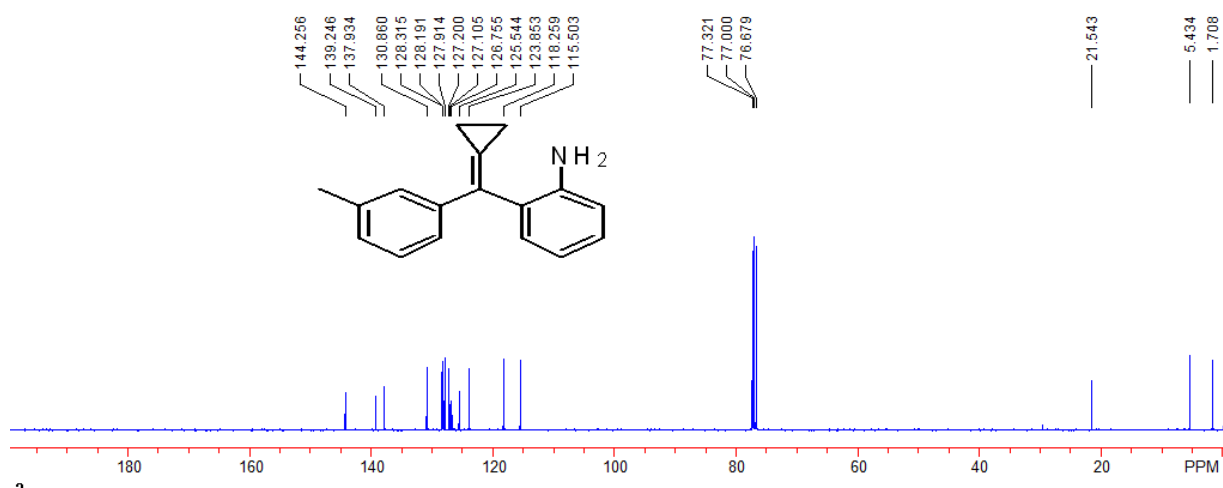
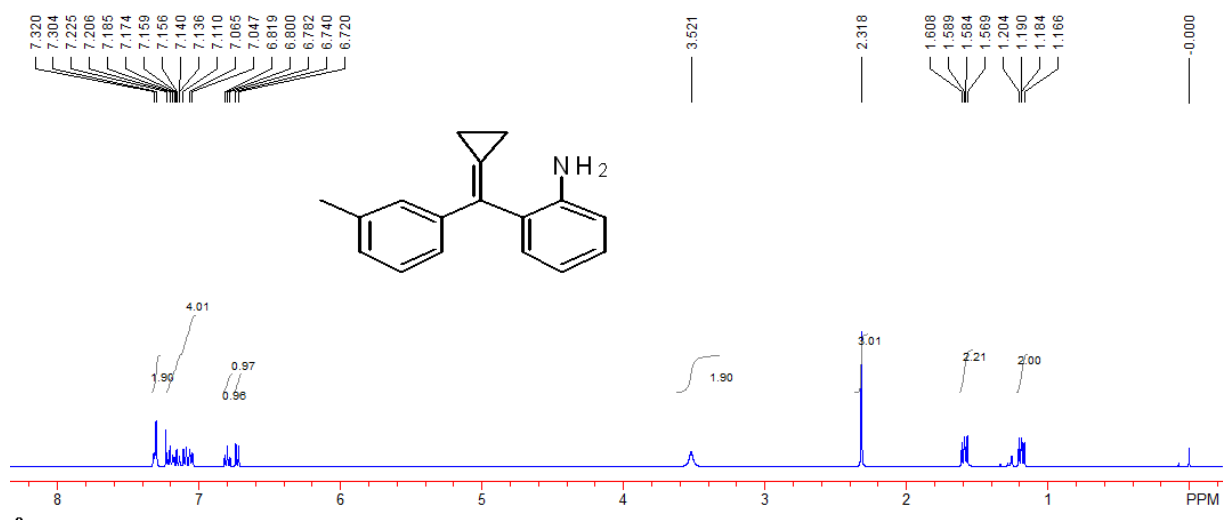


Compound S1b: 940 mg, 40%, A yellow solid, m.p. 76-78 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3471, 3022, 2978, 1612, 1513, 1452, 1303, 750 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.32-1.34 (m, 2H), 1.37-1.39 (m, 2H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 3.70 (s, 2H), 6.66-6.72 (m, 2H), 7.05-7.08 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.21 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.32 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 4.0, 4.9, 20.3, 115.9, 118.1, 125.7, 126.5, 127.0, 127.2, 127.9, 128.8, 129.7, 130.1, 130.6, 136.2, 141.2, 143.8; MS (ESI) m/z : 236.1 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈N⁺ requires: 236.1434, found: 236.1432.

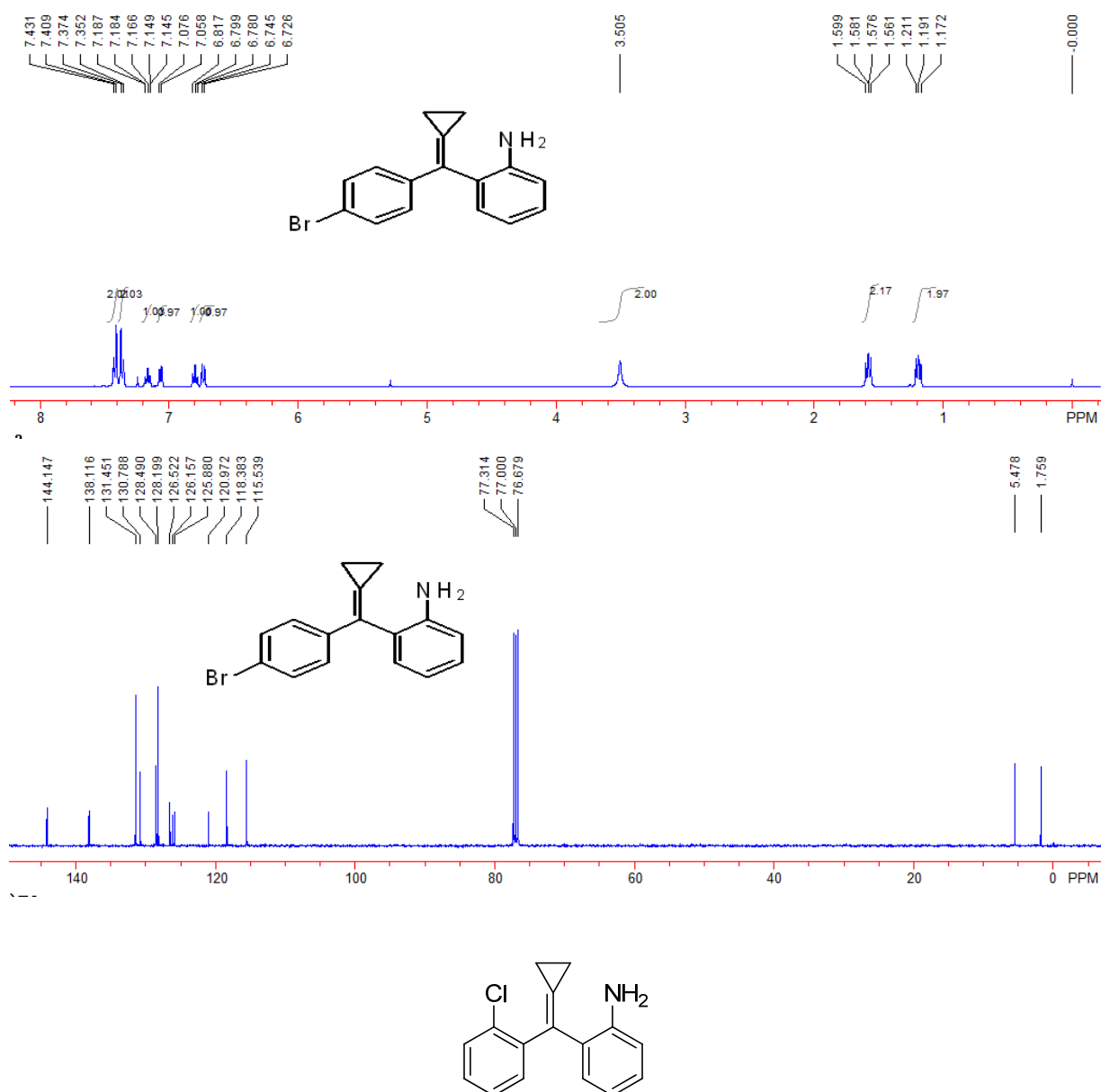




Compound S1c: 940 mg, 40%, A yellow solid, m.p. 80-82 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3472, 3381, 3018, 2972, 1611, 1492, 1451, 1303, 746 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.17-1.20 (m, 2H), 1.57-1.61 (m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 3.52 (s, 2H), 6.73 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, $J_1 = J_2$ = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.05-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.32 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.7, 5.4, 21.5, 115.5, 118.3, 123.9, 125.5, 126.8, 127.1, 127.2, 127.9, 128.2, 128.3, 130.9, 137.9, 139.2, 144.3; MS (ESI) m/z : 236.1 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₈N⁺ requires: 236.1434, found: 236.1437.

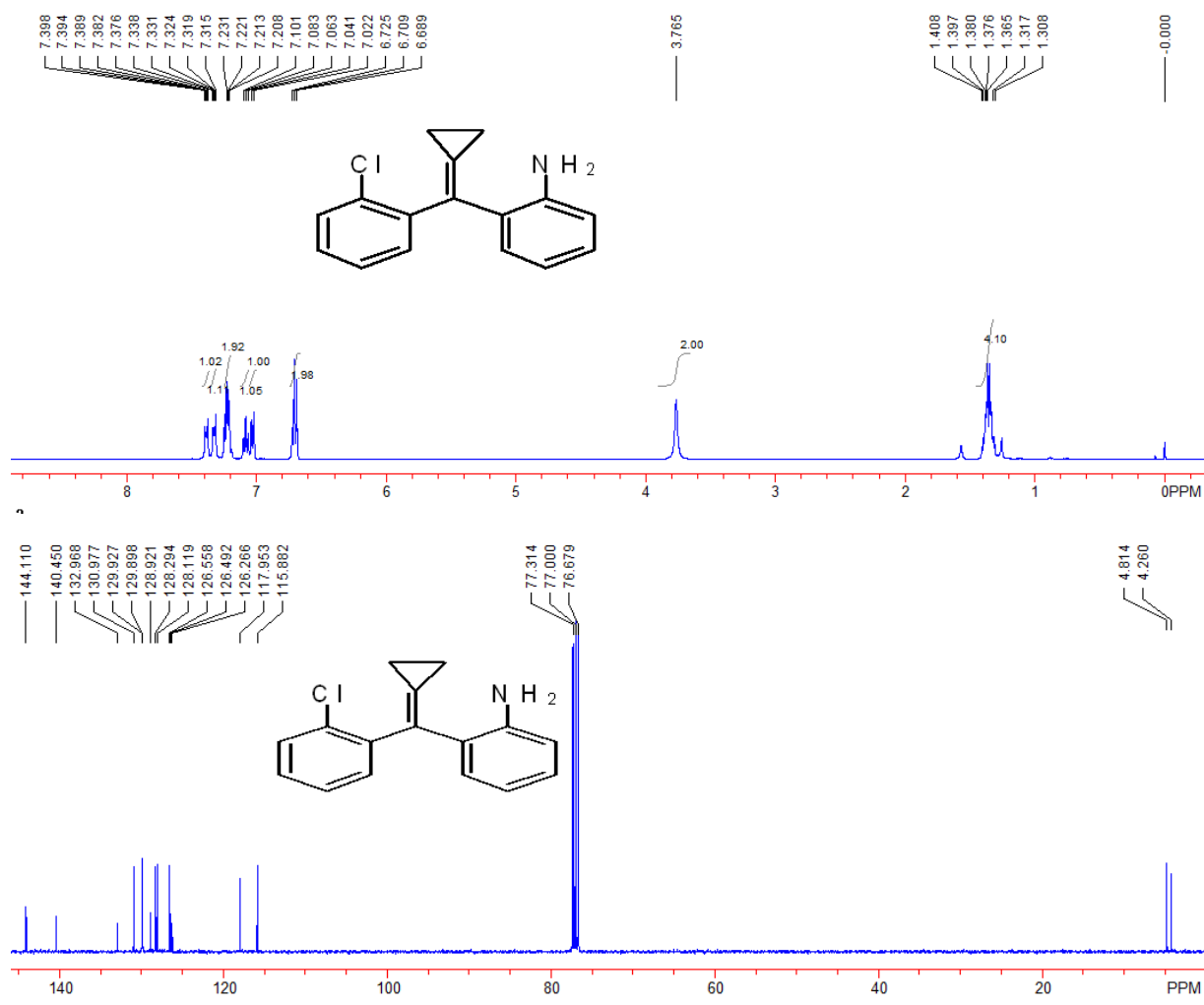


Compound S1g: 1.47 g, 49%, A yellow solid, m.p. 130-132 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3470, 3377, 3027, 2971, 1618, 1484, 1007, 903, 749 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.17-1.21 (m, 2H), 1.56-1.60 (m, 2H), 3.51 (s, 2H), 6.74 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (dd, $J_1 = J_2$ = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.19 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.42 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.8, 5.5, 115.5, 118.4, 121.0, 125.9, 126.2, 126.5, 128.2, 128.5, 130.8, 131.5, 138.1, 144.1; MS (ESI) m/z : 300.0 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅BrN⁺ requires: 300.0382, found: 300.0388.



Compound S1i: 998 mg, 39%, A yellow solid, m.p. 82-84 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3470, 3380, 3052, 2974, 1612, 1493, 1034, 906, 748 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.31-1.41 (m, 4H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 6.69-6.73 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.21-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.40 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 4.3, 4.8, 115.9,

118.0, 126.3, 126.5, 126.6, 128.1, 128.3, 128.9, 129.90, 129.93, 131.0, 133.0, 140.5, 144.1; MS (ESI) m/z : 256.1 ($M+H^+$, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $C_{16}H_{15}ClN^+$ requires: 256.0888, found: 256.0892.

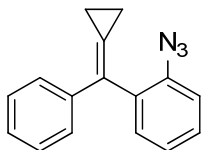


General procedure for the synthesis of compounds **1**

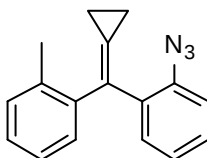
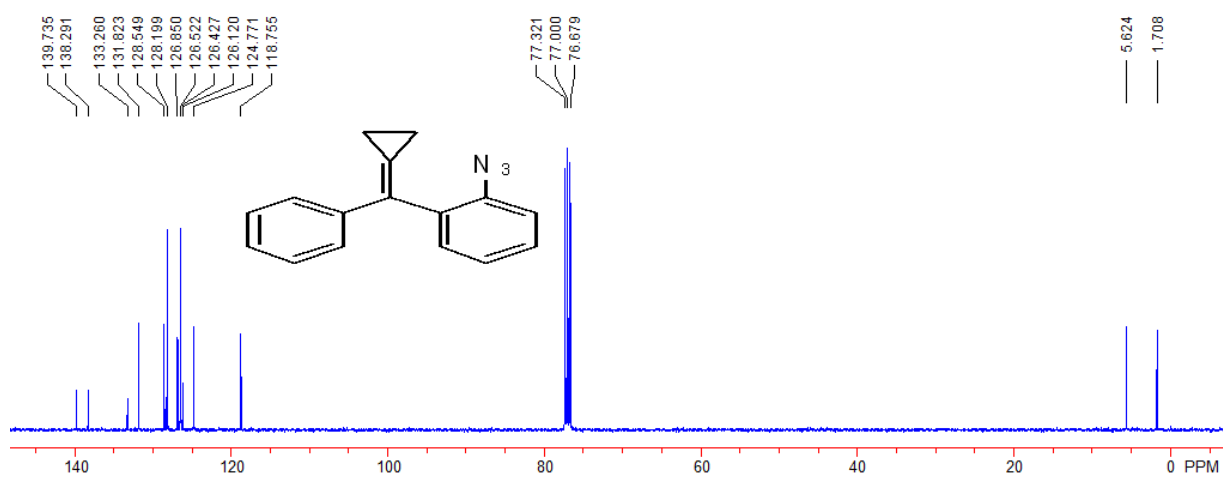
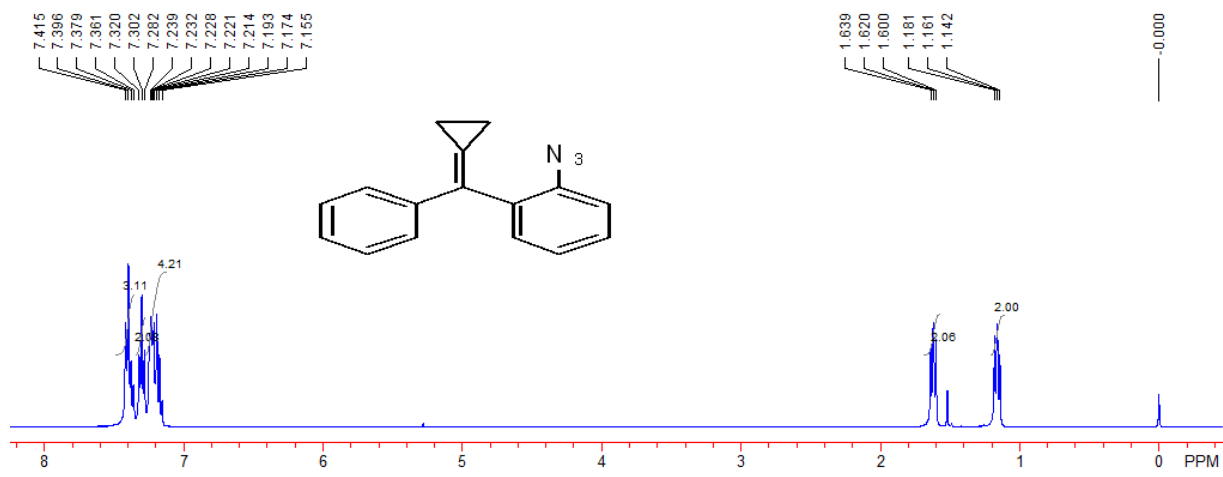


To a solution of **S1** (1 mmol) in CH_3CN (5 mL) were added $t\text{BuONO}$ (178 μL , 1.5 mmol) and TMSN_3 (262 μL , 2 mmol), then the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 50 / 1) to afford the product in moderate yield.

Spectroscopic data for compounds 1

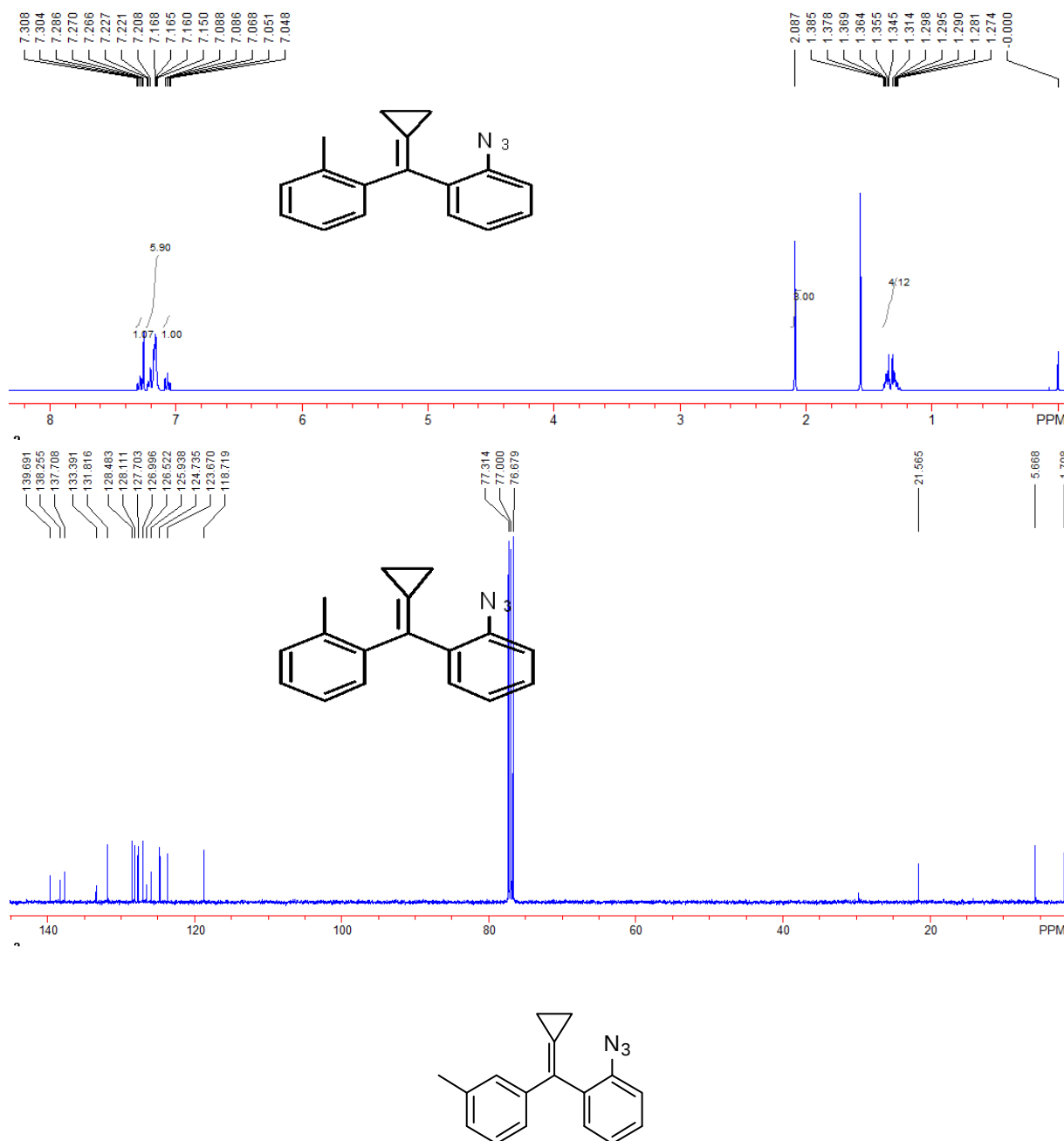


Compound 1a: 212 mg, 86%, A yellow solid, m.p. 95-97 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3052, 2977, 2121, 2086, 1493, 1288, 753 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.14-1.18 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.64 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.24 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.42 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.7, 5.6, 118.8, 124.8, 126.1, 126.4, 126.5, 126.9, 128.2, 128.5, 131.8, 133.3, 138.3, 139.7; MS (EI) m/z (%): 219 (38.3) [M-N₂⁺], 218 (100.0), 204 (15.5), 189 (9.8), 165 (9.4), 115 (6.6), 108 (2.2), 89 (4.1); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₃N (M-N₂⁺) requires 219.1048, found: 219.1042.



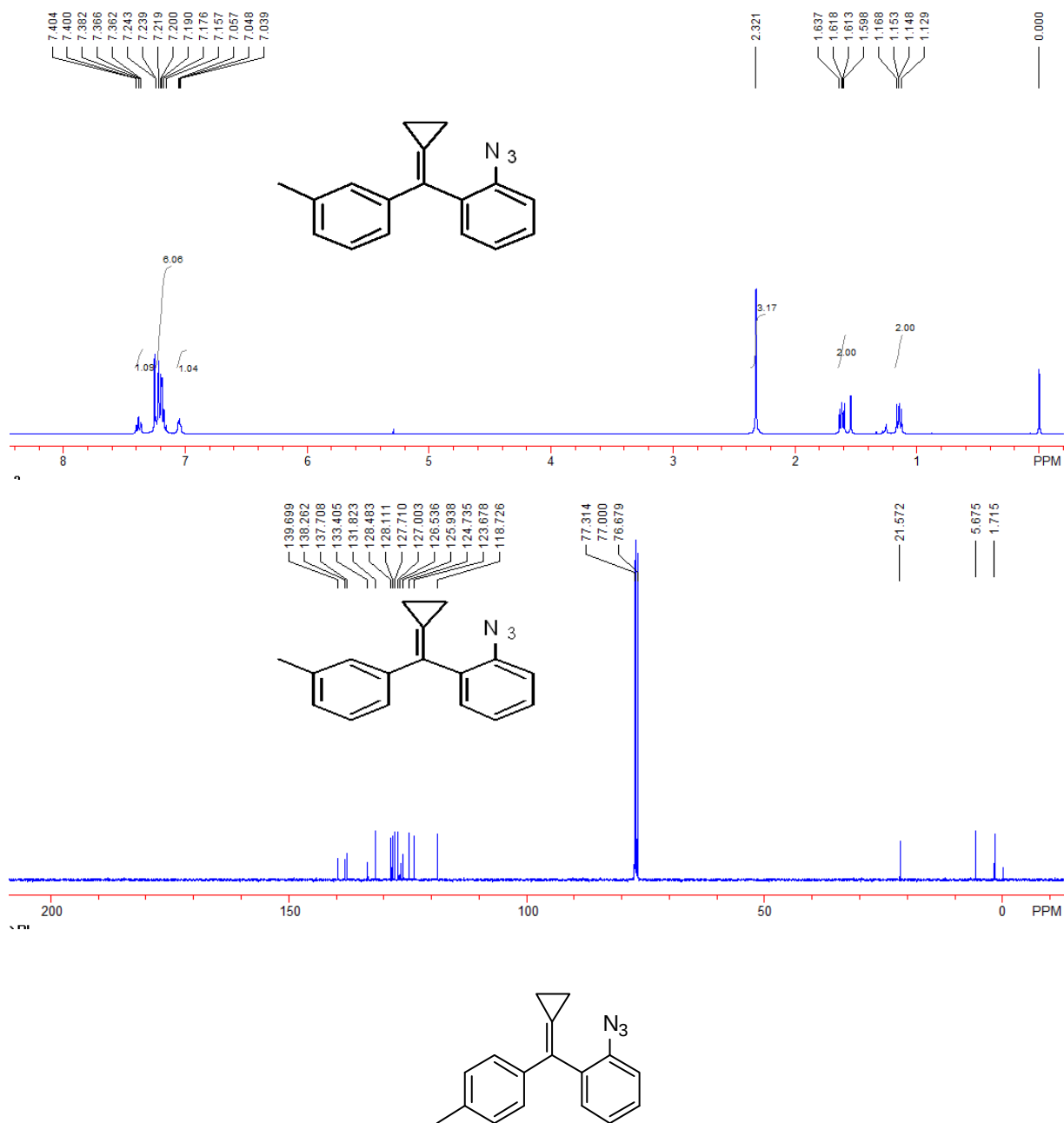
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Compound 1b: 164 mg, 63%, A yellow solid, m.p. 56-58 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 2971, 2118, 2082, 1484, 1287, 1039, 753 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.27-1.31 (m, 2H), 1.35-1.39 (m, 2H), 2.09 (s, 3H), 7.05-7.09 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.23 (m, 6H), 7.27-7.31 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.7, 5.7, 21.6, 118.7, 123.7, 124.7, 125.9, 126.5, 127.0, 127.7, 128.1, 128.5, 131.8, 133.4, 137.7, 138.3, 139.7; MS (EI) m/z (%): 233 (29.4) [M-N₂⁺], 232 (51.9), 218 (79.7), 217 (100.0), 204 (13.1), 189 (11.0), 165 (10.0), 115 (12.1); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅N (M-N₂⁺) requires 233.1204, found: 233.1200.



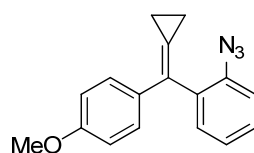
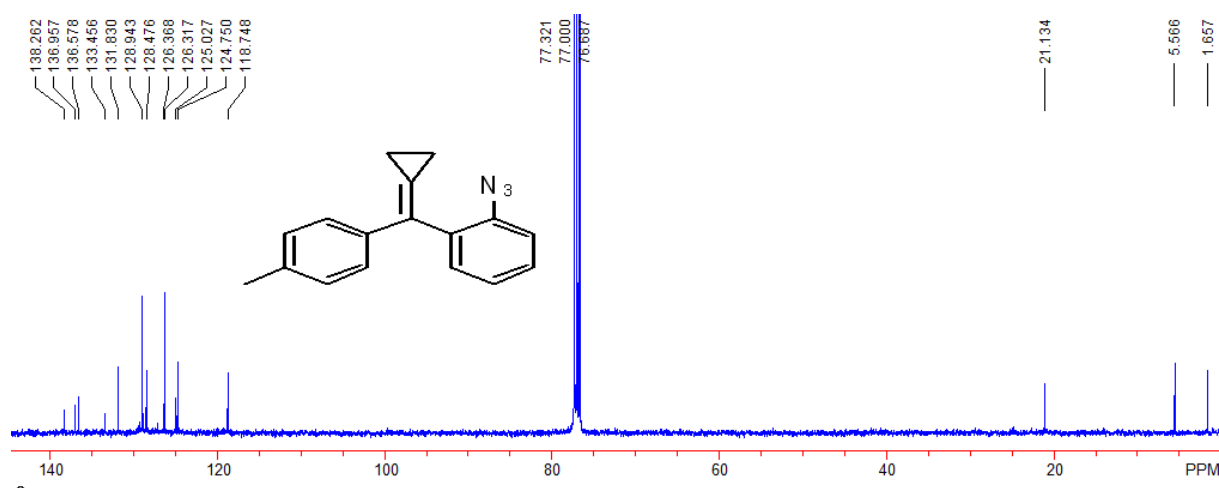
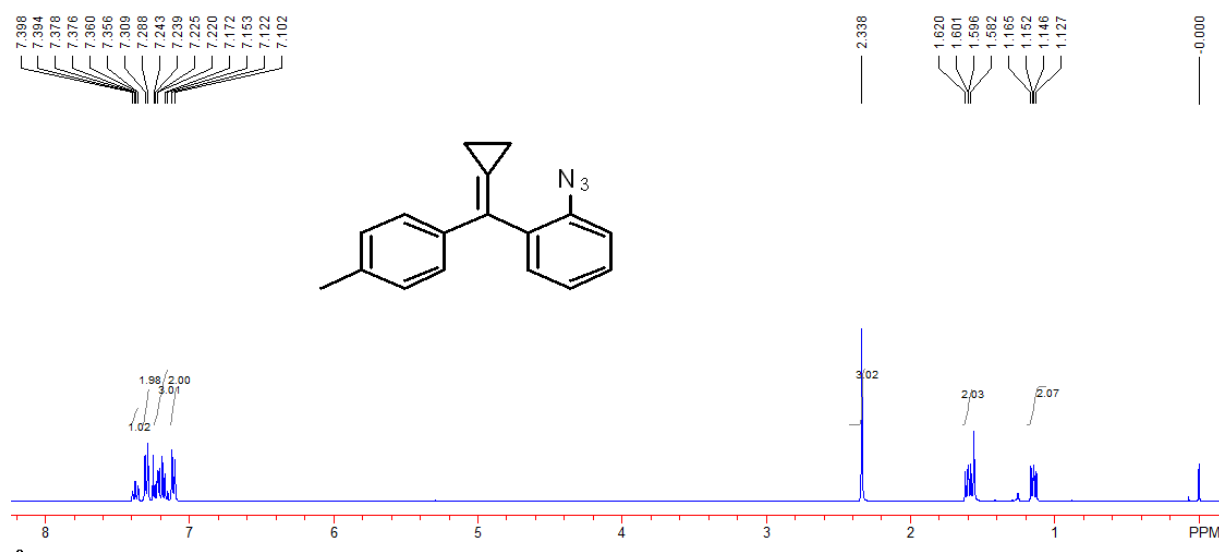
Compound 1c: 126 mg, 48%, A yellow solid, m.p. 60-62 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3051, 2971, 2119, 2083, 1485, 1287, 749 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.13-1.17 (m, 2H), 1.60-1.64

(m, 2H), 2.32 (s, 3H), 7.04-7.06 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.24 (m, 6H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS): δ 1.7, 5.7, 21.6, 118.7, 123.7, 124.7, 125.9, 126.5, 127.0, 127.7, 128.1, 128.5, 131.8, 133.4, 137.7, 138.3, 139.7; MS (EI) m/z (%): 233 (29.8) $[\text{M}-\text{N}_2^+]$, 232 (49.7), 218 (80.8), 217 (100.0), 204 (13.4), 189 (11.6), 115 (12.6), 109 (14.4); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{15}\text{N}$ ($\text{M}-\text{N}_2^+$) requires 233.1204, found: 233.1201.

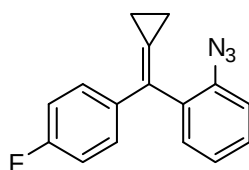
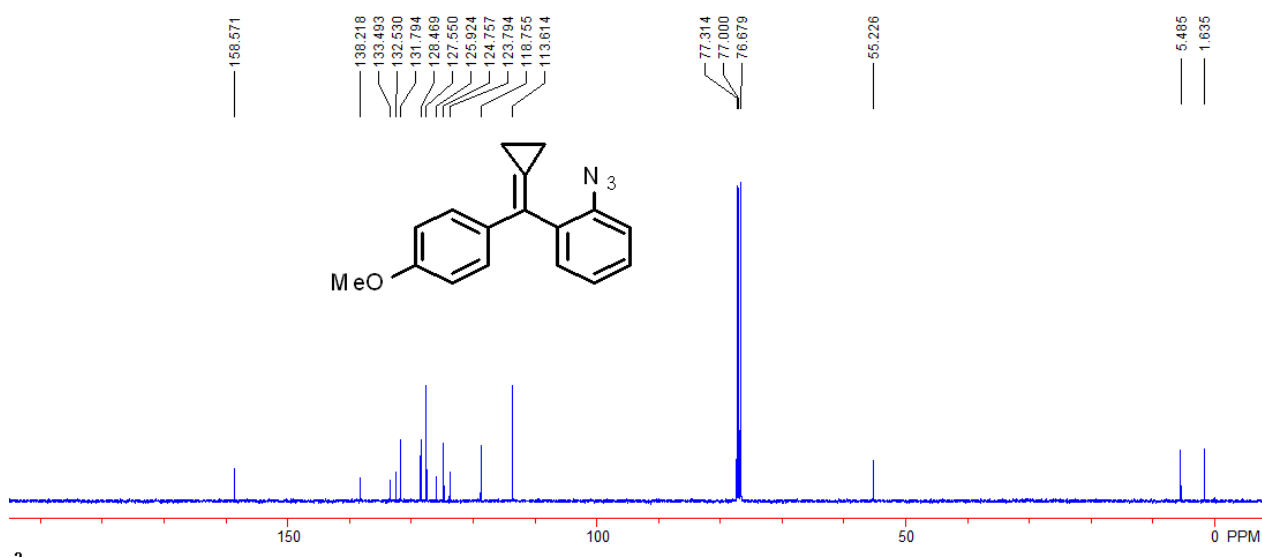
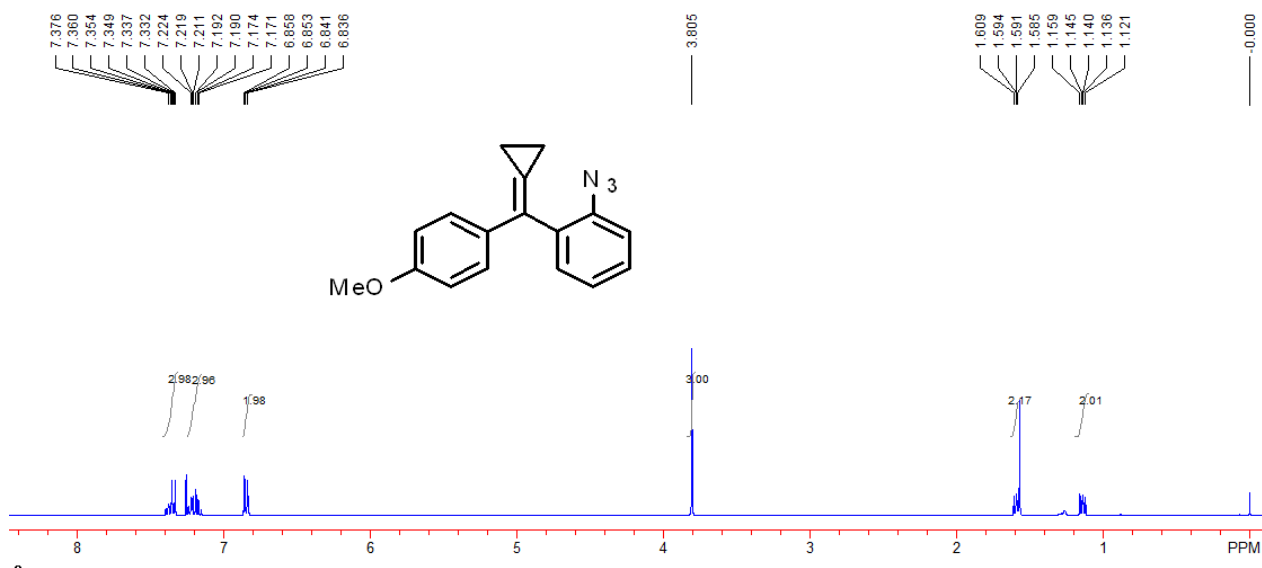


Compound 1d: 149 mg, 57%, A yellow solid, m.p. 63-65 $^\circ\text{C}$; IR (CH_2Cl_2): ν 2971, 2120, 2087, 1485, 1293, 751 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS): δ 1.13-1.17 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.62 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.40 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS): δ 1.7, 5.6, 21.1, 118.7, 124.8, 125.0,

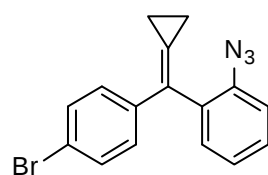
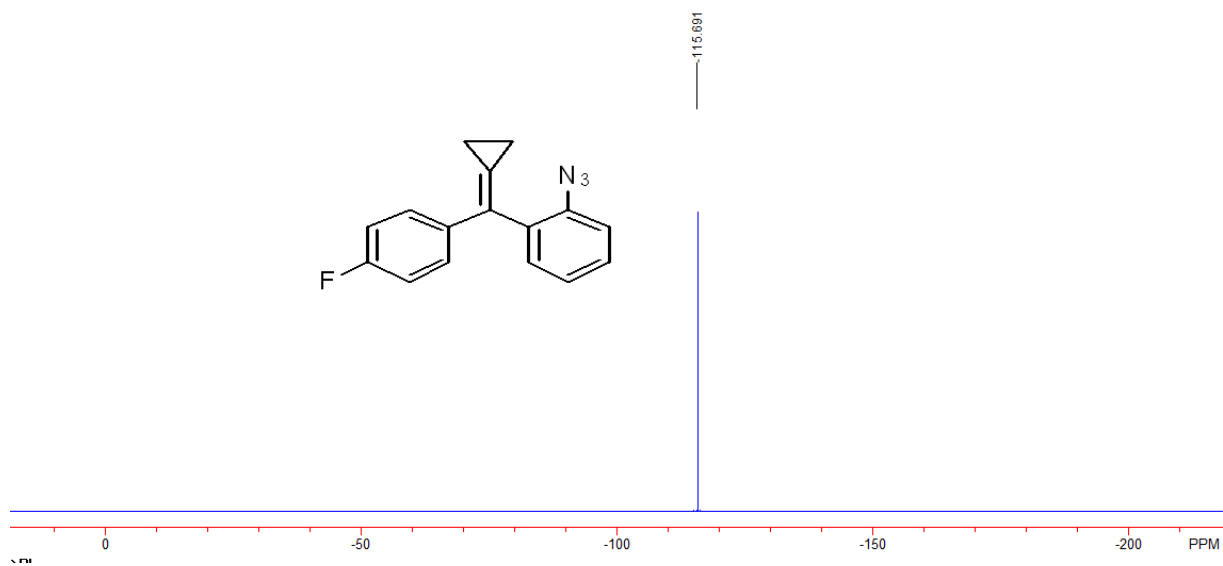
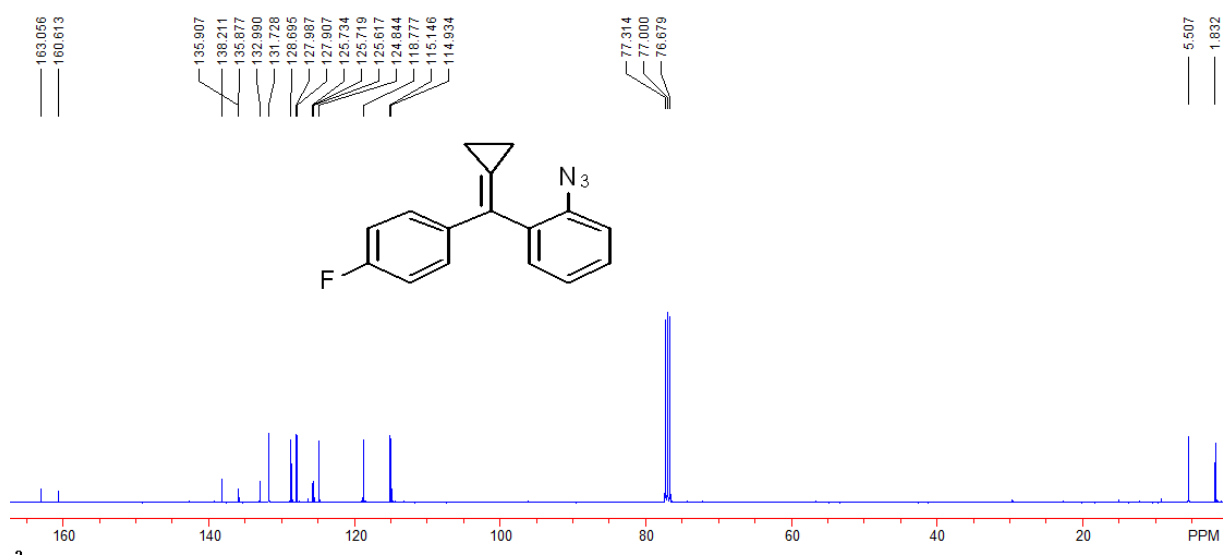
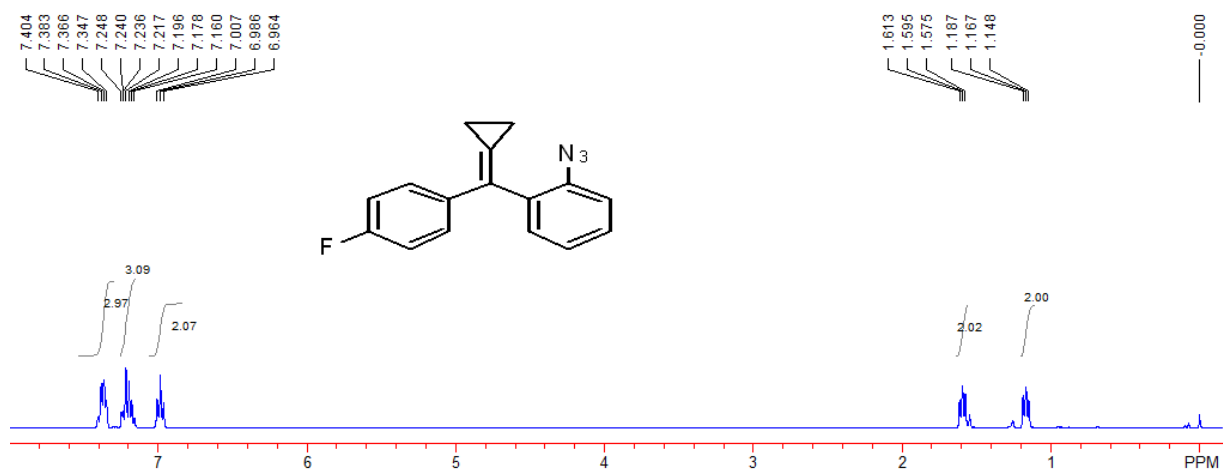
126.3, 126.4, 128.5, 128.9, 131.8, 133.5, 136.6, 137.0, 138.3; MS (EI) m/z (%): 233 (39.0) $[M-N_2^+]$, 232 (72.9), 218 (67.4), 217 (100.0), 203 (8.7), 189 (11.4), 115 (12.2), 109 (14.1); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{15}N$ ($M-N_2^+$) requires 233.1204, found: 233.1202.



Compound 1e: 166 mg, 60%, A yellow solid, m.p. 68-70 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 2970, 2120, 2087, 1602, 1483, 1300, 829 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.12-1.16 (m, 2H), 1.59-1.61 (m, 2H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 6.84-6.86 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.24 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.38 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.6, 5.5, 55.2, 113.6, 118.8, 123.8, 124.8, 125.9, 127.6, 128.5, 131.8, 132.5, 133.5, 138.2, 158.6; MS (ESI) m/z : 278.1 ($M+H^+$, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{16}N_3O^+$ requires: 278.1293, found: 278.1298.

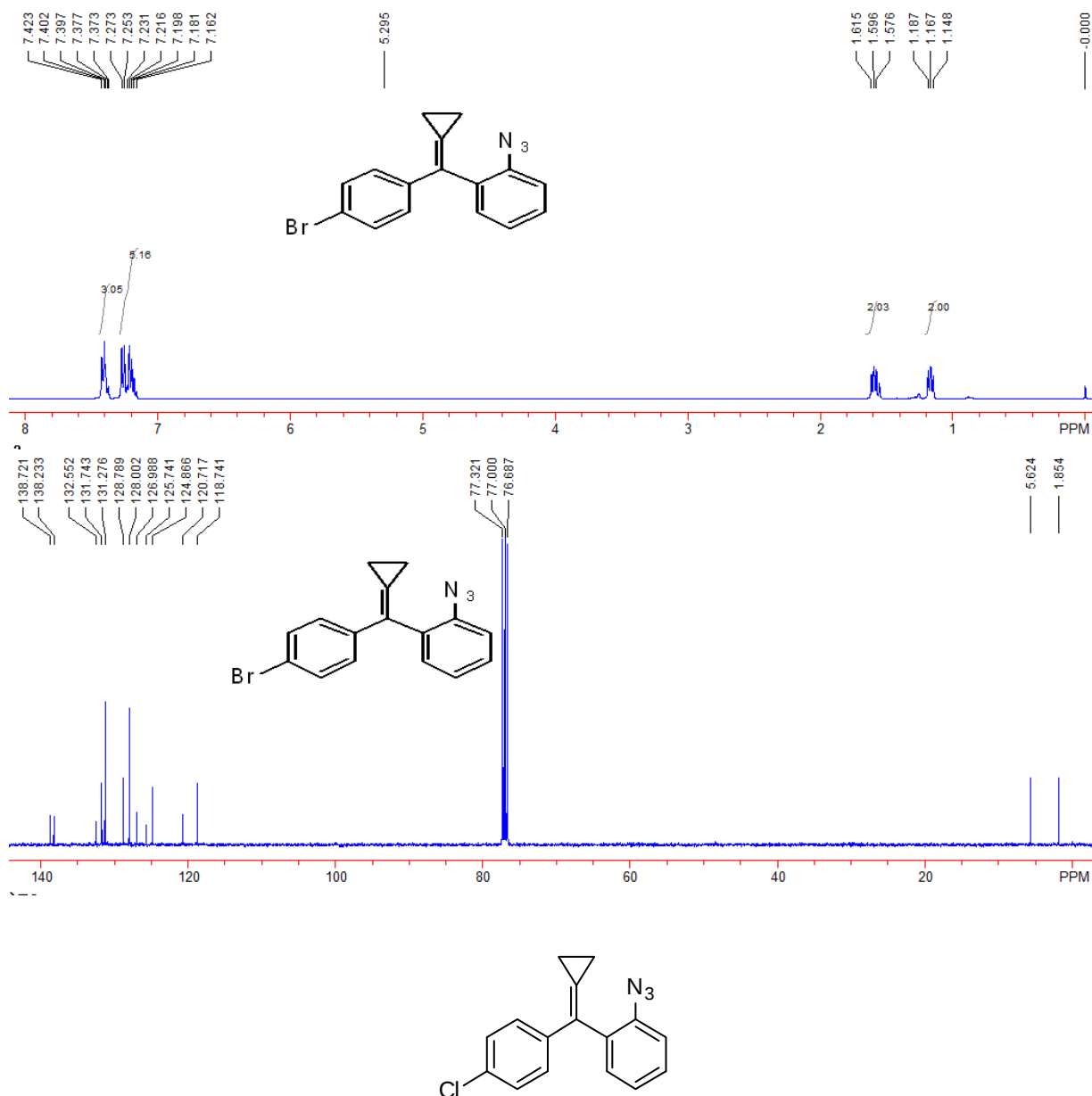


Compound 1f: 167 mg, 63%, A yellow solid, m.p. 88-90 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 2120, 2087, 1506, 1486, 1296, 752 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.15-1.19 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.61 (m, 2H), 6.99 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.35-7.40 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.8, 5.5, 115.0 (d, $J_{C-F} = 21.2$ Hz), 118.8, 124.8, 125.6, 125.72 (d, $J_{C-F} = 1.5$ Hz), 127.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 8.0$ Hz), 128.7, 131.7, 133.0, 135.9 (d, $J_{C-F} = 3.0$ Hz), 138.2, 161.8 (d, $J_{C-F} = 244.3$ Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, CFCl₃): δ -115.7 (s); MS (EI) m/z (%): 237 (39.3) [M-N₂⁺], 236 (100.0), 235 (66.6), 222 (13.4), 217 (7.4), 207 (7.9), 183 (10.7), 118 (10.0); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂FN (M-N₂⁺) requires 237.0954, found: 237.0956.



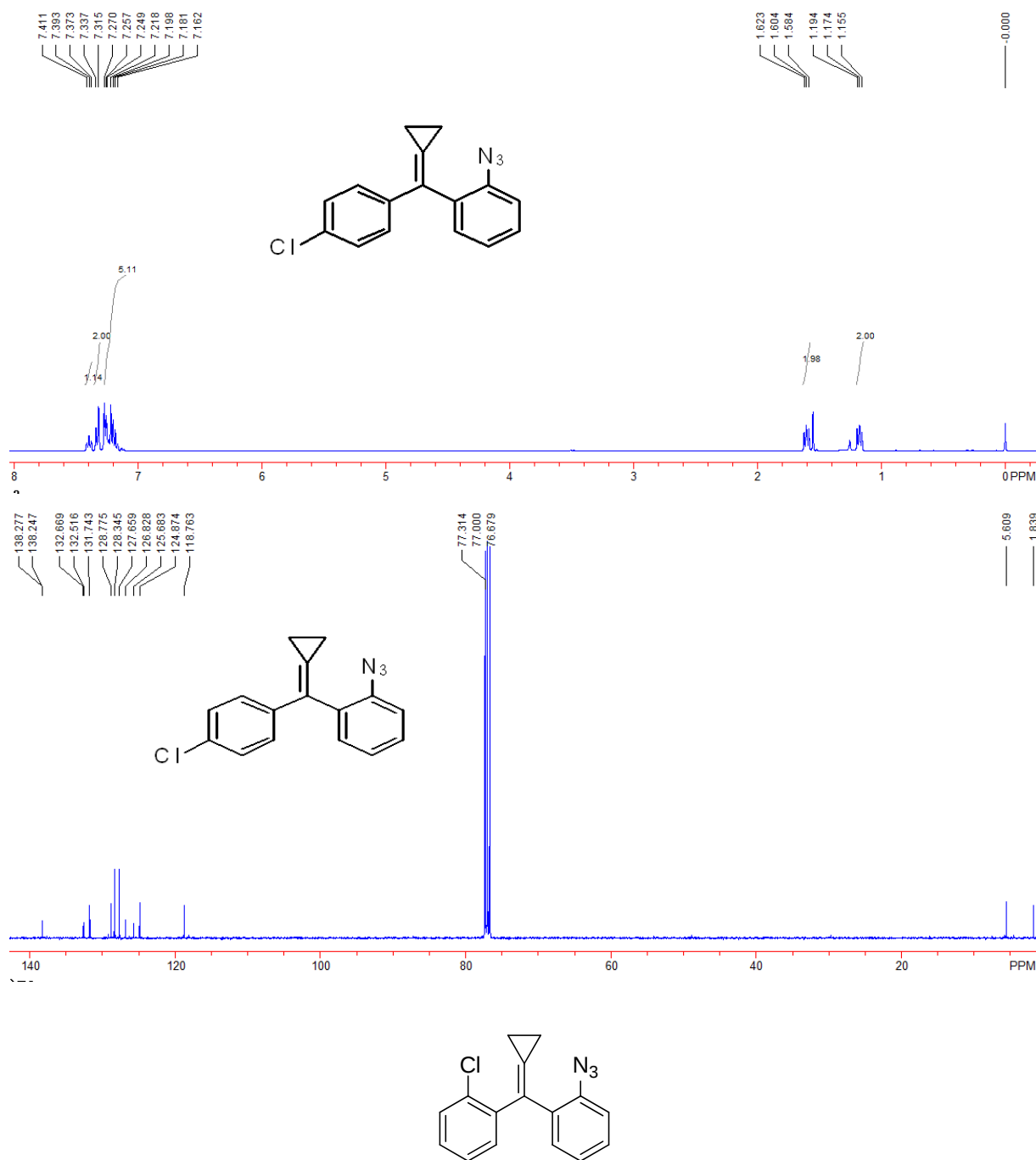
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Compound 1g: 204 mg, 67%, A yellow solid, m.p. 105-107 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 2121, 2086, 1573, 1485, 1290, 752 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.15-1.19 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.62 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.37-7.42 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.9, 5.6, 118.7, 120.7, 124.9, 125.7, 127.0, 128.0, 128.8, 131.3, 131.7, 132.6, 138.2, 138.7; MS (EI) m/z (%): 297 (11.4) [M-N₂⁺], 218 (64.4), 217 (100), 203 (9.2), 189 (16.4), 165 (6.9), 109 (14.2), 95 (8.3); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂BrN (M-N₂⁺) requires 297.0153, found: 297.0151.



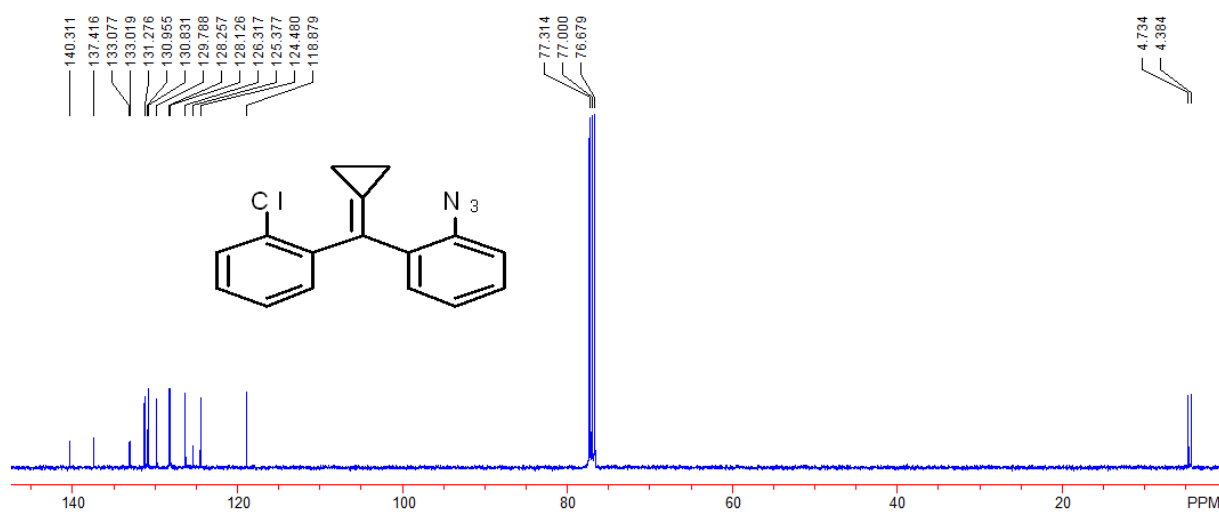
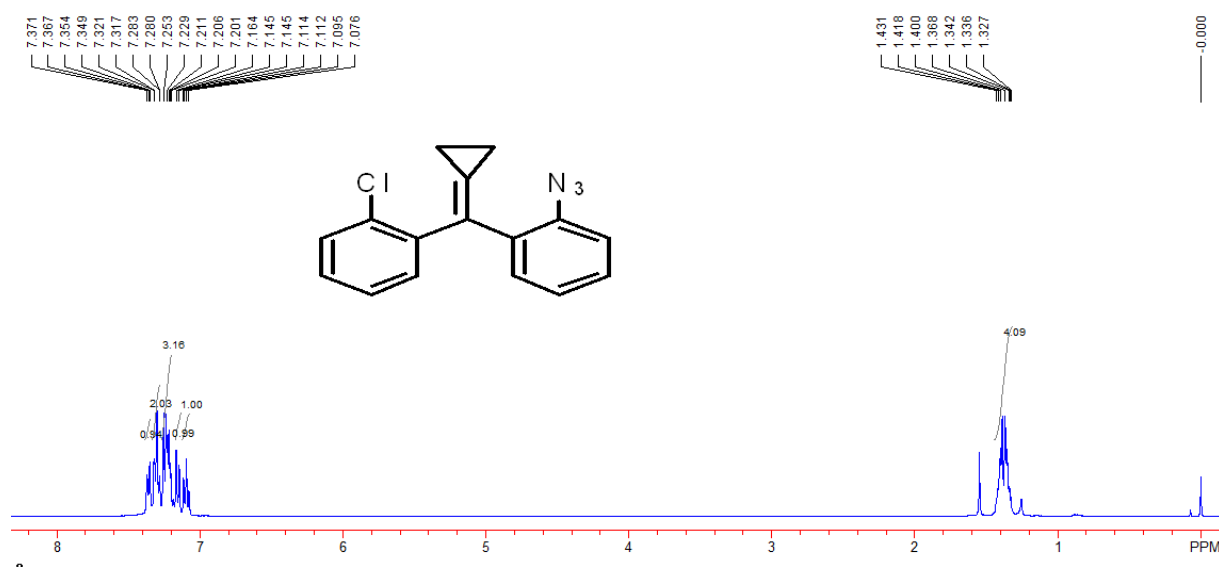
Compound 1h: 203 mg, 66%, A yellow solid, m.p. 93-95 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 2978, 2120, 2085, 1488, 1292, 1092, 752 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.16-1.19 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.62 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.27 (m, 5H), 7.33 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (dd, $J_1 = J_2$ = 7.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.8, 5.6, 118.8, 124.9, 125.7, 126.8, 127.7, 128.3, 128.8, 131.7, 132.5,

132.7, 138.2, 138.3; MS (EI) m/z (%): 253 (20.4) [M-N₂⁺], 252 (24.5), 218 (66.1), 217 (100.0), 189 (15.0), 163 (7.5), 135 (10.1), 108 (5.1); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂ClN (M-N₂⁺) requires 253.0658, found: 253.0655.



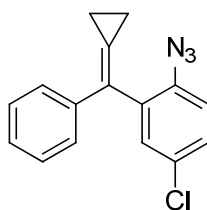
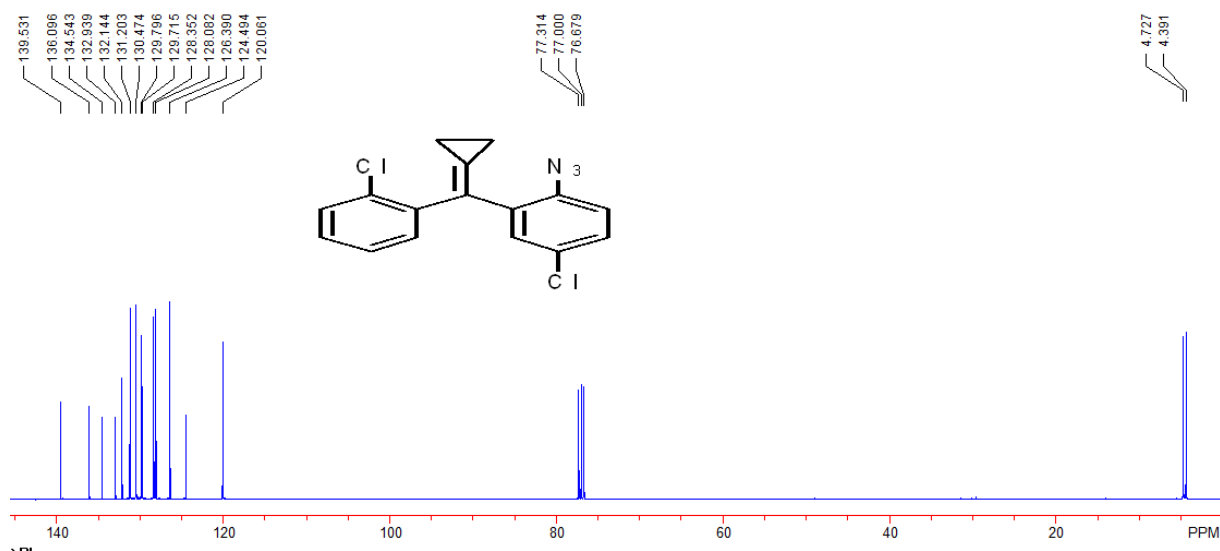
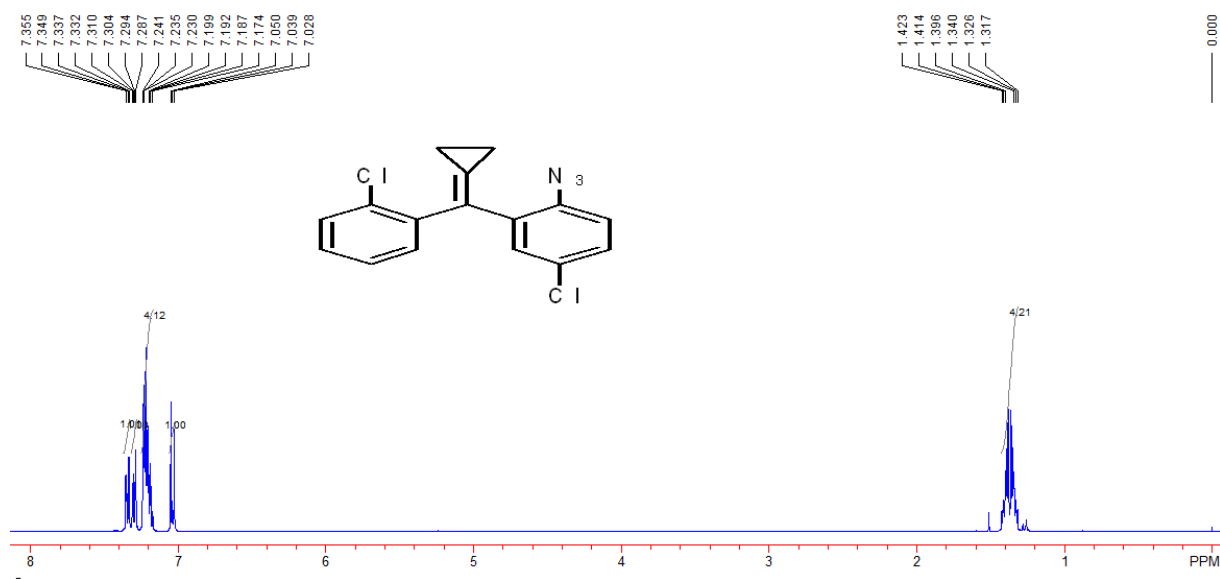
Compound 1i: 218 mg, 77%, A yellow solid, m.p. 74-76 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3048, 2974, 2120, 2085, 1485, 1290, 751 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.33-1.43 (m, 4H), 7.08-7.11 (m, 1H), 7.15-7.16 (m, 1H), 7.20-7.25 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 2H), 7.35-7.37 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 4.4, 4.7, 118.9, 124.5, 125.4, 126.3, 128.1, 128.3, 129.8, 130.8, 131.0, 131.3, 133.0, 133.1, 137.4, 140.3; MS (EI) m/z (%): 253 (16.4) [M-N₂⁺], 218 (84.5), 217 (100.0),

203 (6.5), 189 (15.9), 165 (7.0), 109 (12.0), 95 (8.0); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂ClN (M-N₂⁺) requires 253.0658, found: 253.0652.



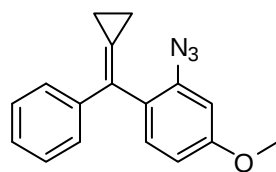
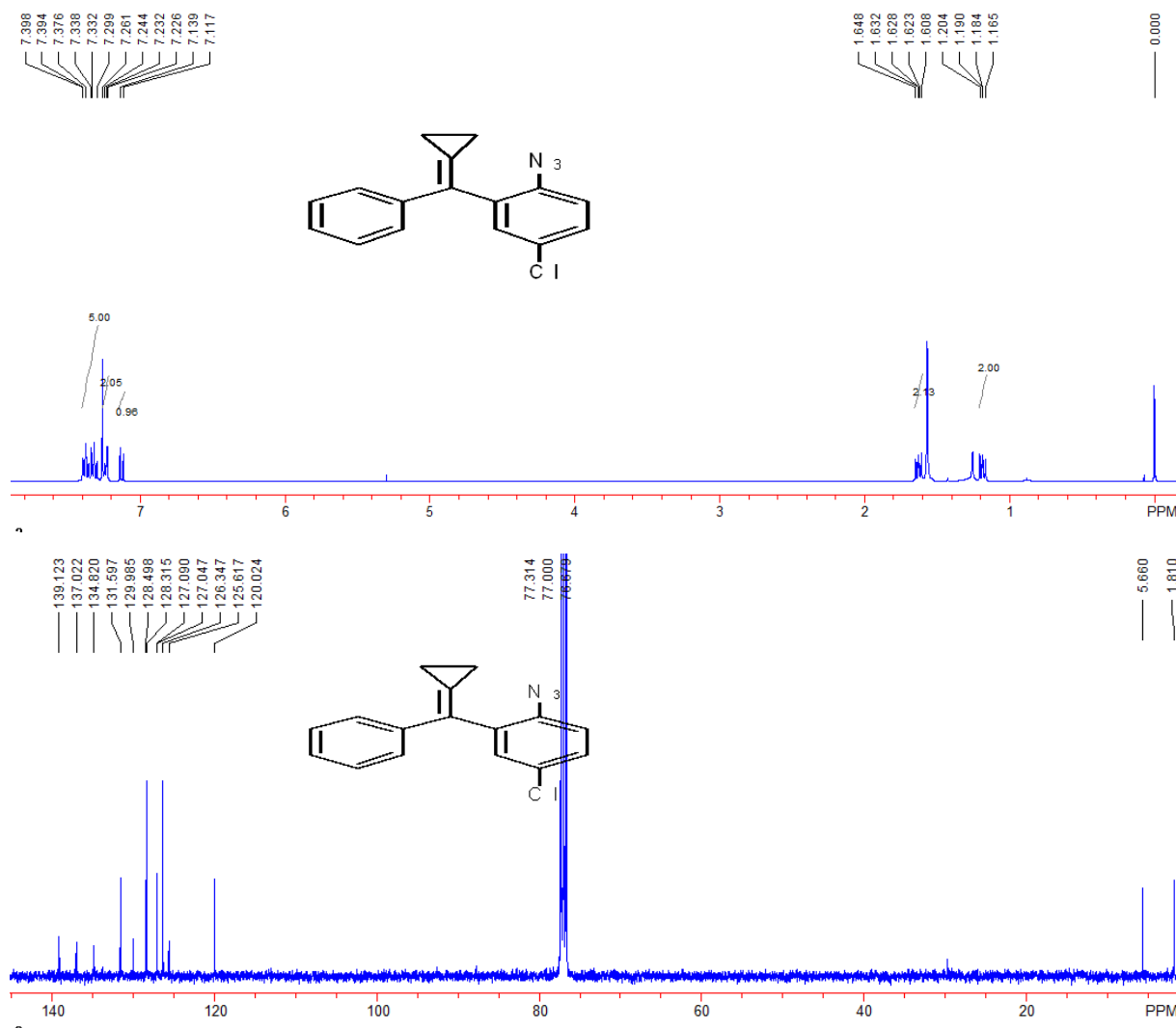
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[M-N₂⁺], 252 (46.5), 231 (19.5), 217 (100.0), 189 (20.2), 177 (8.7), 108 (12.3), 95 (12.8); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₁Cl₂N (M-N₂⁺) requires 287.0269, found: 287.0267.

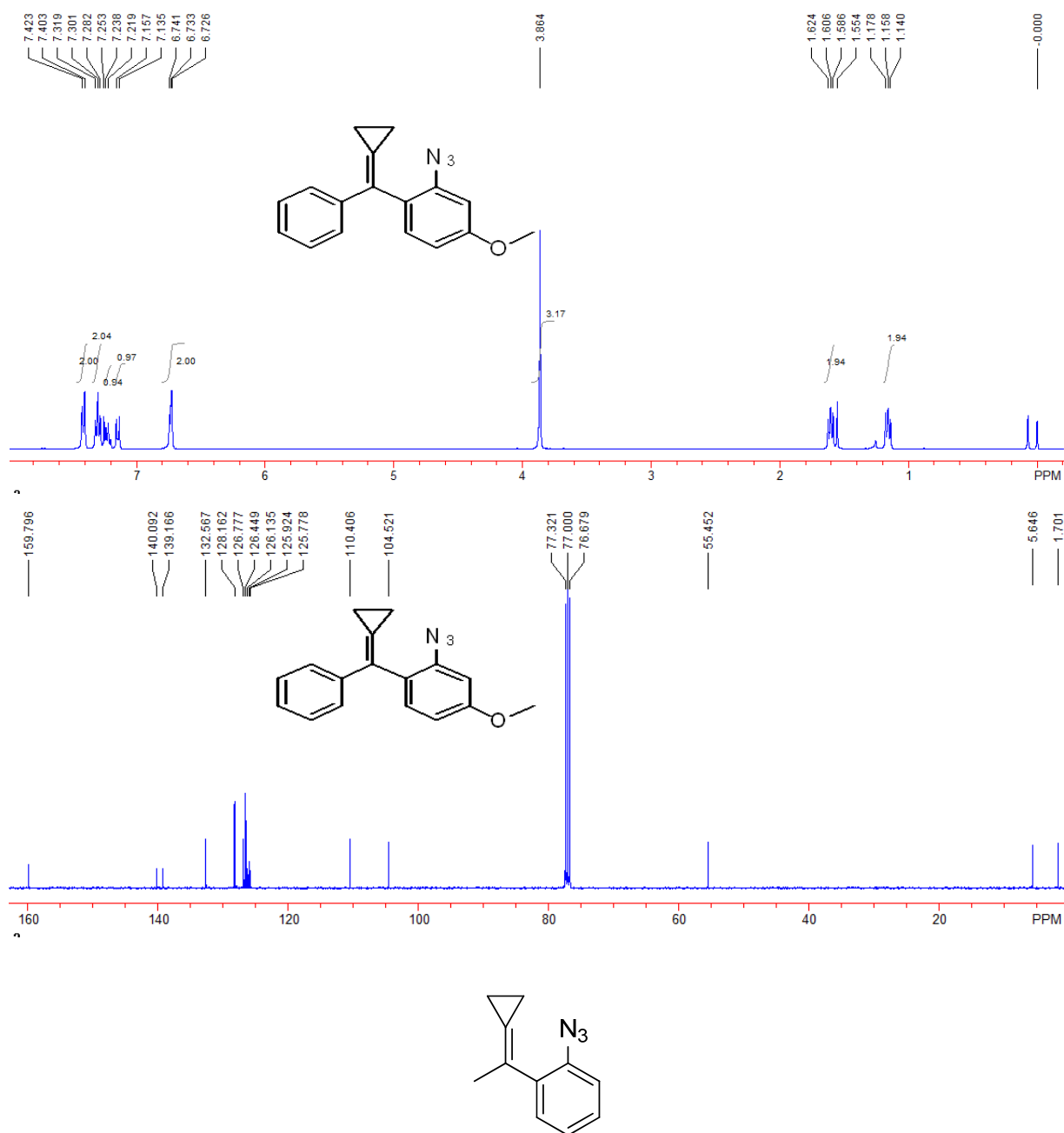


Compound 1k: 266 mg, 95%, A yellow solid, m.p. 85-87 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3084, 2919, 2124, 2093, 1493, 1299, 766 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.17-1.20 (m, 2H), 1.61-1.65 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.30-7.40 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.8, 5.7, 120.0, 125.6, 126.3, 127.0, 127.1, 128.3, 128.5, 130.0, 131.6, 134.8, 137.0, 139.1; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 253 (31.8) [M-N₂⁺], 218 (42.1), 217 (100.0), 203 (9.7), 189

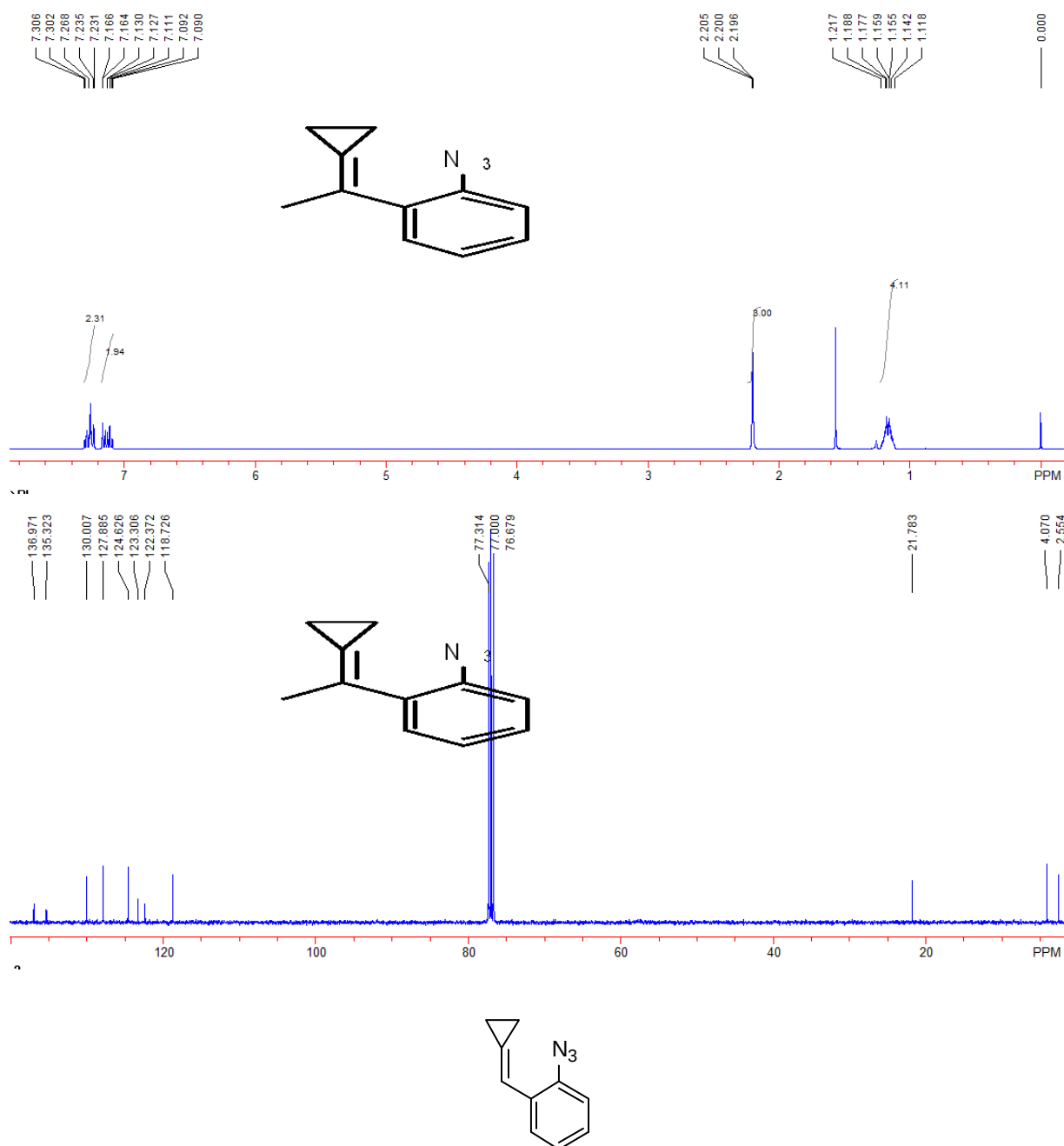
(16.5), 165 (8.1), 109 (14.2), 95 (9.4); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $C_{16}H_{12}ClN$ ($M-N_2^+$) requires 253.0658, found: 253.0659.



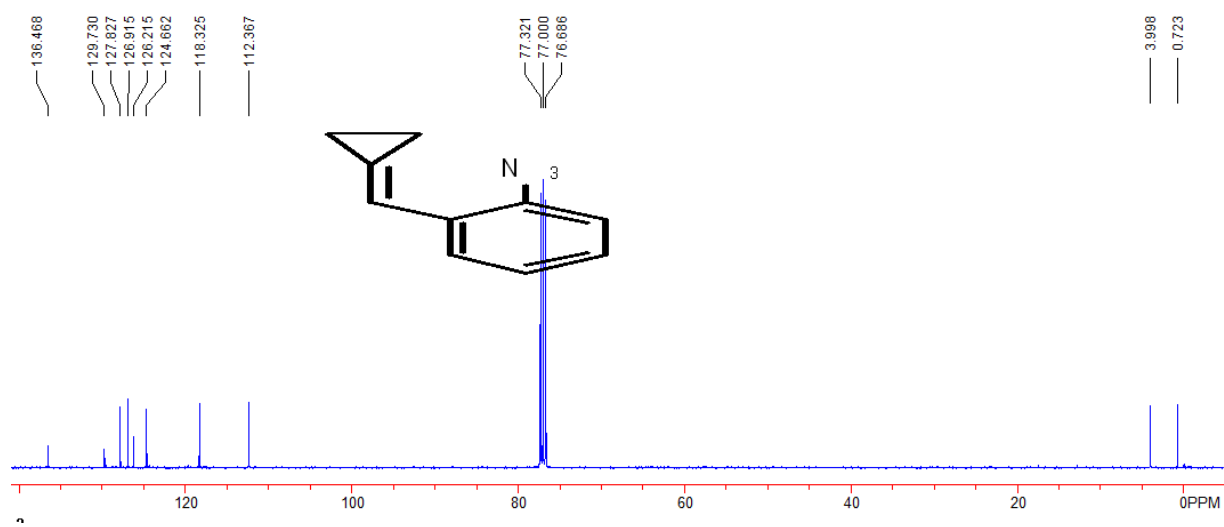
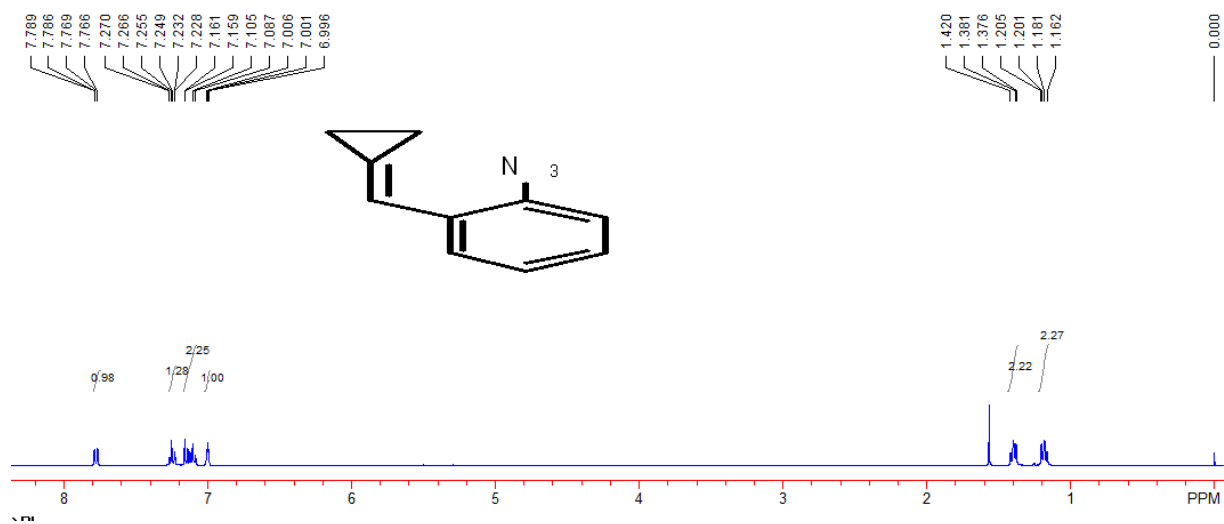
Compound 11: 186 mg, 67%, A yellow solid, m.p. 68-70 °C; IR (CH_2Cl_2): ν 2126, 1606, 1504, 1229, 1036, 766 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, TMS): δ 1.14-1.18 (m, 2H), 1.55-1.62 (m, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 6.73-6.74 (m, 2H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.30 (dd, J_1 = J_2 = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$, TMS): δ 1.7, 5.6, 55.5, 104.5, 110.4, 125.8, 125.9, 126.1, 126.4, 126.8, 128.2, 132.6, 139.2, 140.1, 159.8; MS (EI) m/z (%): 277 (0.8) [M^+], 248 (100.0), 234 (56.0), 217 (24.5), 204 (67.0), 191 (23.9), 178 (27.4), 165 (19.2); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{15}N_3O$ (M^+) requires 277.1215, found: 277.1218.



Compound 1m: 98 mg, 53%, A colorless liquid; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3403, 2921, 2106, 2078, 1488, 1290, 749cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.12-1.22 (m, 4H), 2.20 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 3H), 7.09-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.31 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 2.6, 4.1, 21.8, 118.7, 122.4, 123.3, 124.6, 127.9, 130.0, 135.3, 137.0; MS (EI) m/z (%): 157 (5.2) [M-N₂⁺], 156 (7.6), 145 (11.1), 144 (100.0), 143 (14.1), 128 (7.0), 115 (7.2), 77 (7.1); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₁H₁₁N (M-N₂⁺) requires 157.0891, found: 157.0896.



Compound 1n: 157 mg, 92%, A colorless liquid; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 2974, 2119, 1575, 1485, 1295, 748 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.16-1.21 (m, 2H), 1.38-1.42 (m, 2H), 7.00 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.09-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.23-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.78 (dd, J_1 = 1.2 Hz, J_2 = 0.8 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 0.7, 4.0, 112.4, 118.3, 124.7, 126.2, 126.9, 127.8, 129.7, 136.5; MS (EI) m/z (%): 171 (8.9) [M^+], 143 (72.2), 130 (21.9), 115 (100.0), 103 (12.5), 89 (20.5), 77 (18.8), 63 (15.5); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₀H₉N₃ (M^+) requires 171.0796, found: 171.0801.



Optimization of the reaction conditions of rhodium-catalyzed reaction of **1a** (Table S1)

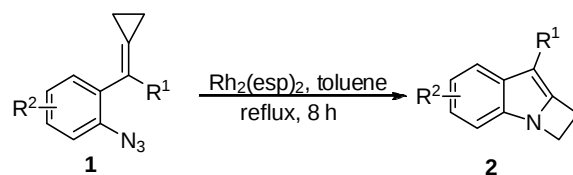
Table S1 Optimization of the reaction conditions of rhodium-catalyzed intramolecular reaction of **1a**

entry ^a	catalyst	solvent	T/°C	yield/% ^b
1	Rh ₂ (OAc) ₄	toluene	80	18
2	Rh ₂ (Piv) ₄	toluene	80	22
3	Rh ₂ (esp) ₂	toluene	80	30
4	Rh ₂ (esp) ₂	toluene	90	56
5	Rh₂(esp)₂	toluene	110	90
6	-	chlorobenzene	120	-
7	-	chlorobenzene	140	40

^a Reaction conditions: **1a** (0.2 mmol), catalyst (3 mol %), solvent (1.0 mL). ^b Isolated yield. Piv = pivalate. esp = a,a,a',a'-tetramethyl-1,3-benzenedipropionic acid.

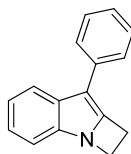
We initially investigated the reaction of 1-azido-2-(cyclopropylidene(phenyl)methyl)benzene **1a** by variation of catalysts, solvents and temperature (Table S1). When Rh₂(OAc)₄, Rh₂(Piv)₄ and Rh₂(esp)₂ were used as catalysts, **2a** could be furnished in 18-30% yields (Table S1, entries 1-3). Its structure has been unambiguously determined by X-ray diffraction. Rh₂(esp)₂ was chosen as the best catalyst in this reaction. Increasing the reaction temperature to 90 °C improved the yield of **2a** to 56% (Table S1, entry 4). Further increasing the reaction temperature to 110 °C, **2a** could be afforded in 90% yield (Table S1, entry 5). We also found that running the reaction in chlorobenzene at 120 °C without catalyst, no reaction took place (Table S1, entry 6), but, **2a** could be delivered in 40% yield upon heating at 140 °C, suggesting that a thermal-induced process might be involved at high temperature (> 140 °C) (Table S1, entry 7).

General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 2

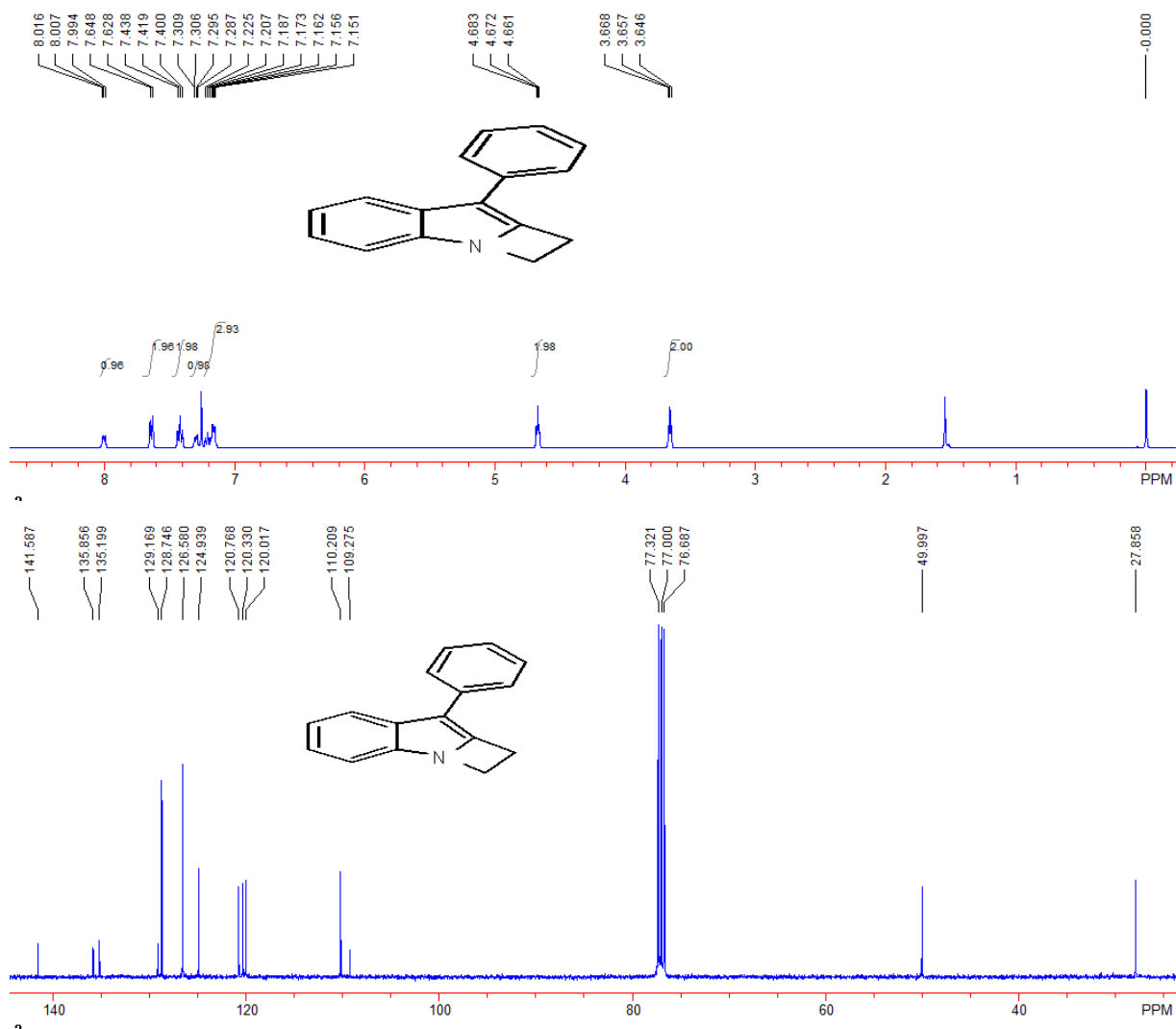


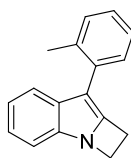
A solution of compound **1** (0.2 mmol) and $Rh_2(esp)_2$ (4.5 mg, 0.006 mmol) in dry toluene (1 mL) was stirred at 110 °C for 8 h. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 30 / 1) to afford the product in moderate to high yield.

Spectroscopic data for all products 2

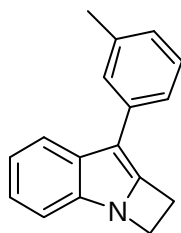
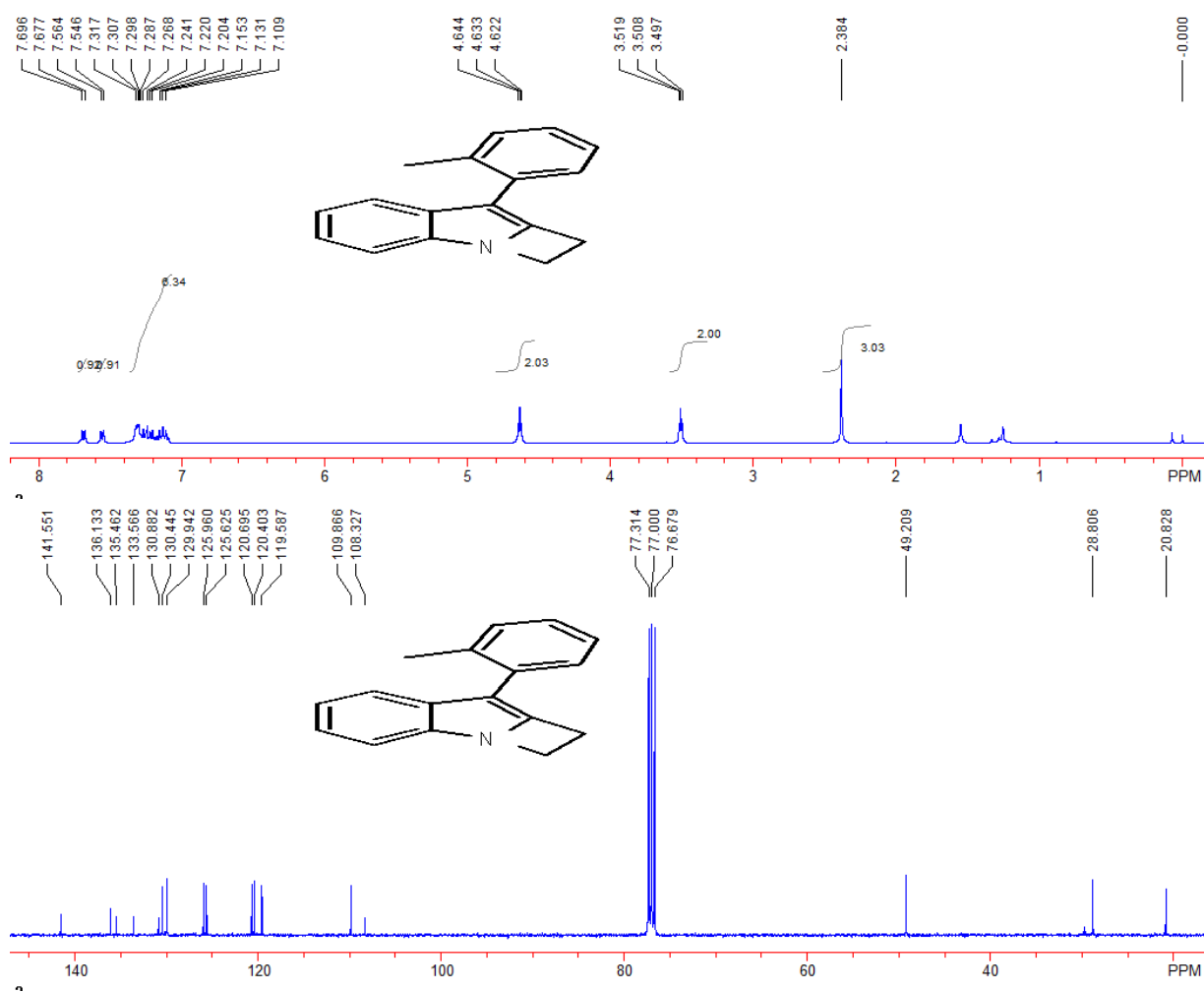


Compound 2a: 39 mg, 90%, A yellow solid, m.p. 110-112 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3053, 2954, 1602, 1439, 1179, 1050, 753, 696 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 3.66 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.67 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.23 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.42 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 8.00-8.02 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 27.9, 50.0, 109.3, 110.2, 120.0, 120.3, 120.8, 124.9, 126.6, 128.7, 129.2, 135.2, 135.9, 141.6; MS (ESI) m/z : 220.1 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄N⁺ requires: 200.1121, found: 200.1129.

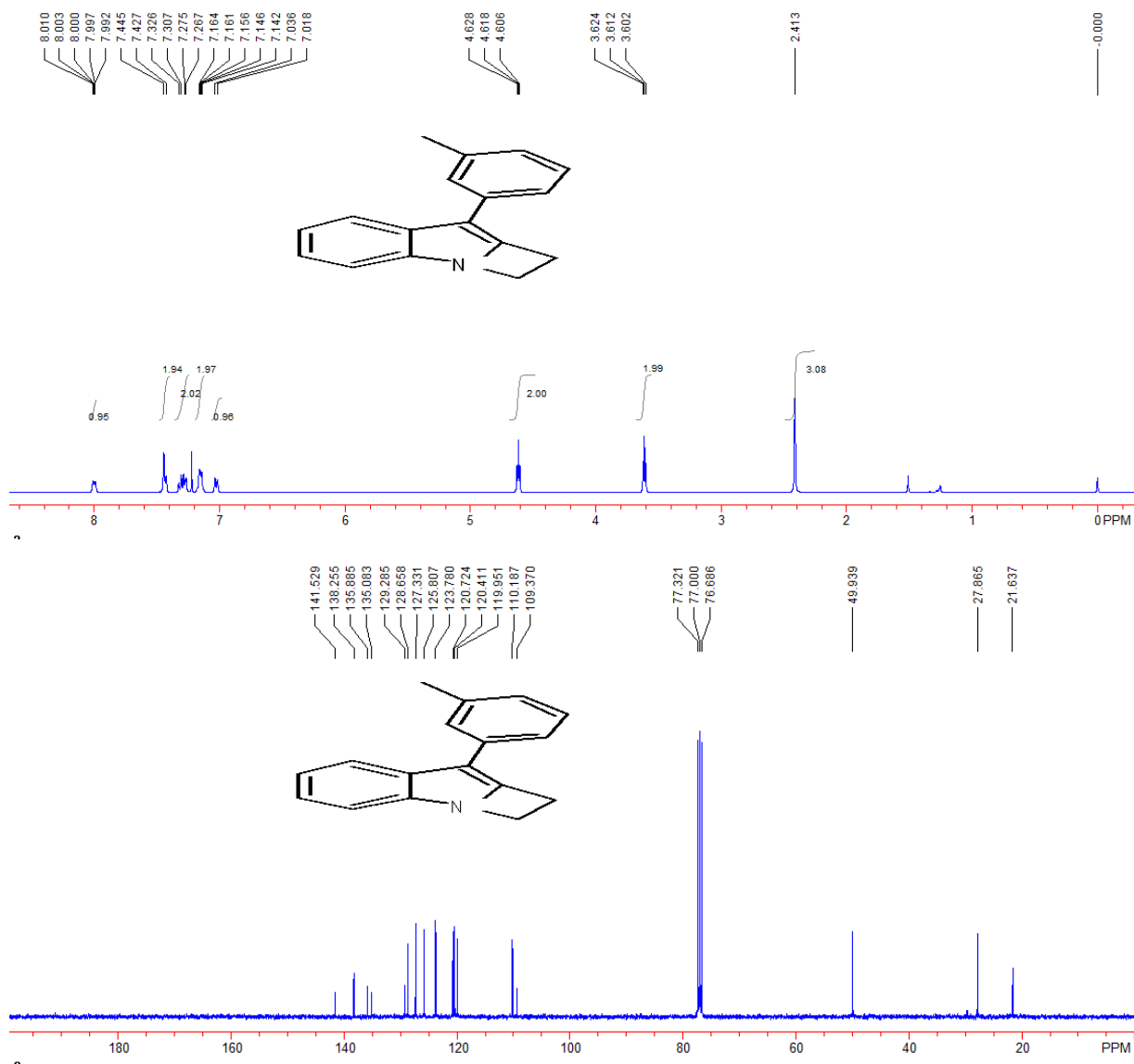


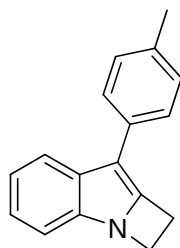


Compound 2b: 36 mg, 77%, A yellow solid, m.p. 104-106 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3052, 2955, 1604, 1438, 1180, 1041, 763 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 2.38 (s, 3H), 3.51 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.63 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.32 (m, 6H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 20.8, 28.8, 49.2, 108.3, 109.9, 119.6, 120.4, 120.7, 125.6, 126.0, 129.9, 130.4, 130.9, 133.6, 135.5, 136.1, 141.6; MS (ESI) m/z : 234.1 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆N⁺ requires: 234.1277, found: 234.1284.

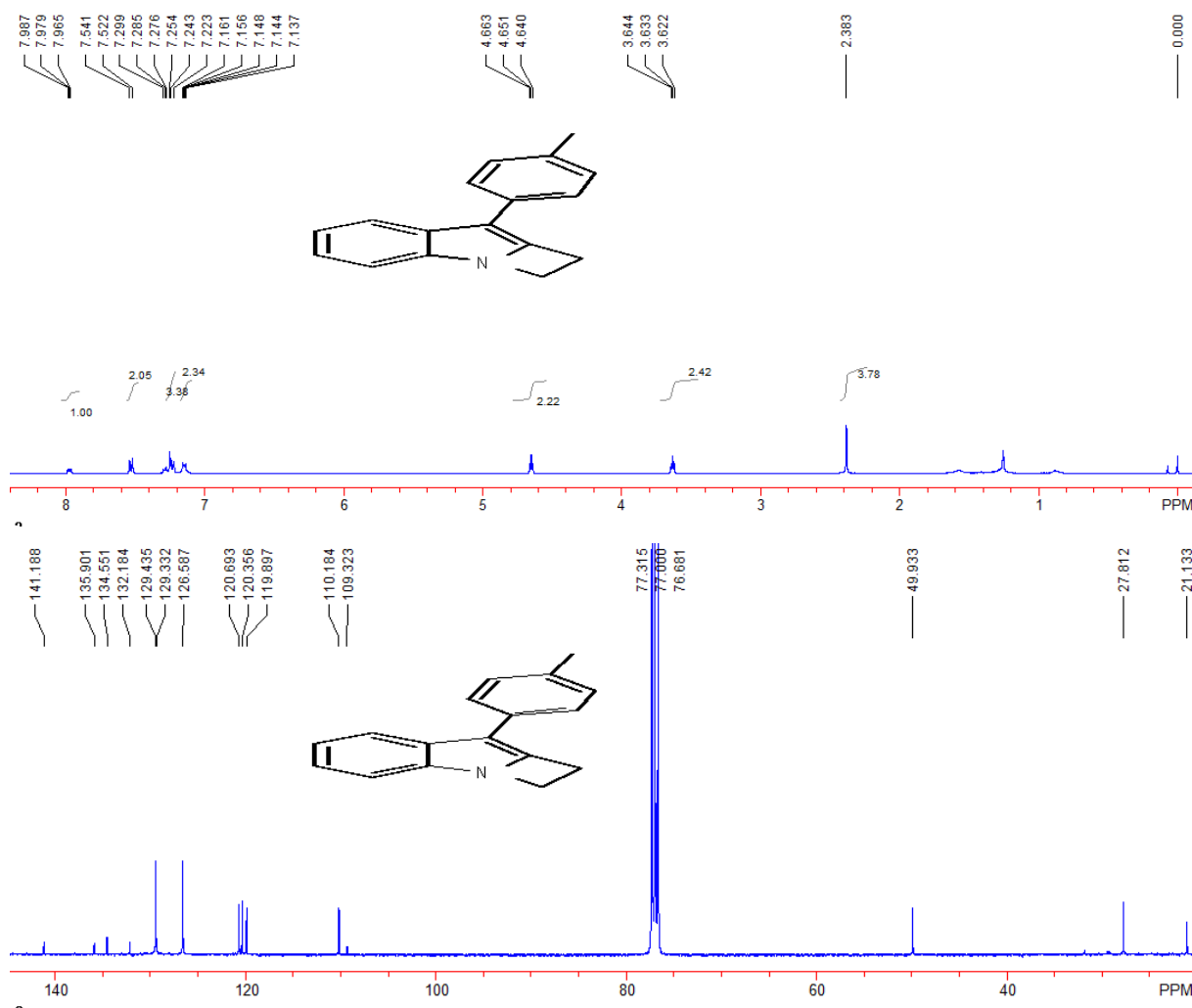


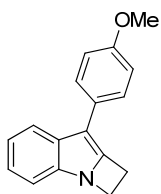
Compound 2c: 35 mg, 75%, A yellow solid, m.p. 100-102 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3052, 2954, 1604, 1437, 1149, 1050, 740 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 2.41 (s, 3H), 3.61 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 4.62 (t, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.45 (m, 2H), 7.99-8.01 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 21.6, 27.9, 49.9, 109.4, 110.2, 120.0, 120.4, 120.7, 123.8, 125.8, 127.3, 128.7, 129.3, 135.1, 135.9, 138.3, 141.5; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 233 (100.0) [M⁺], 232 (66.1), 218 (95.4), 204 (17.1), 189 (10.9), 178 (10.8), 115 (11.7), 109 (15.2); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅N (M⁺) requires 233.1204, found: 233.1207.



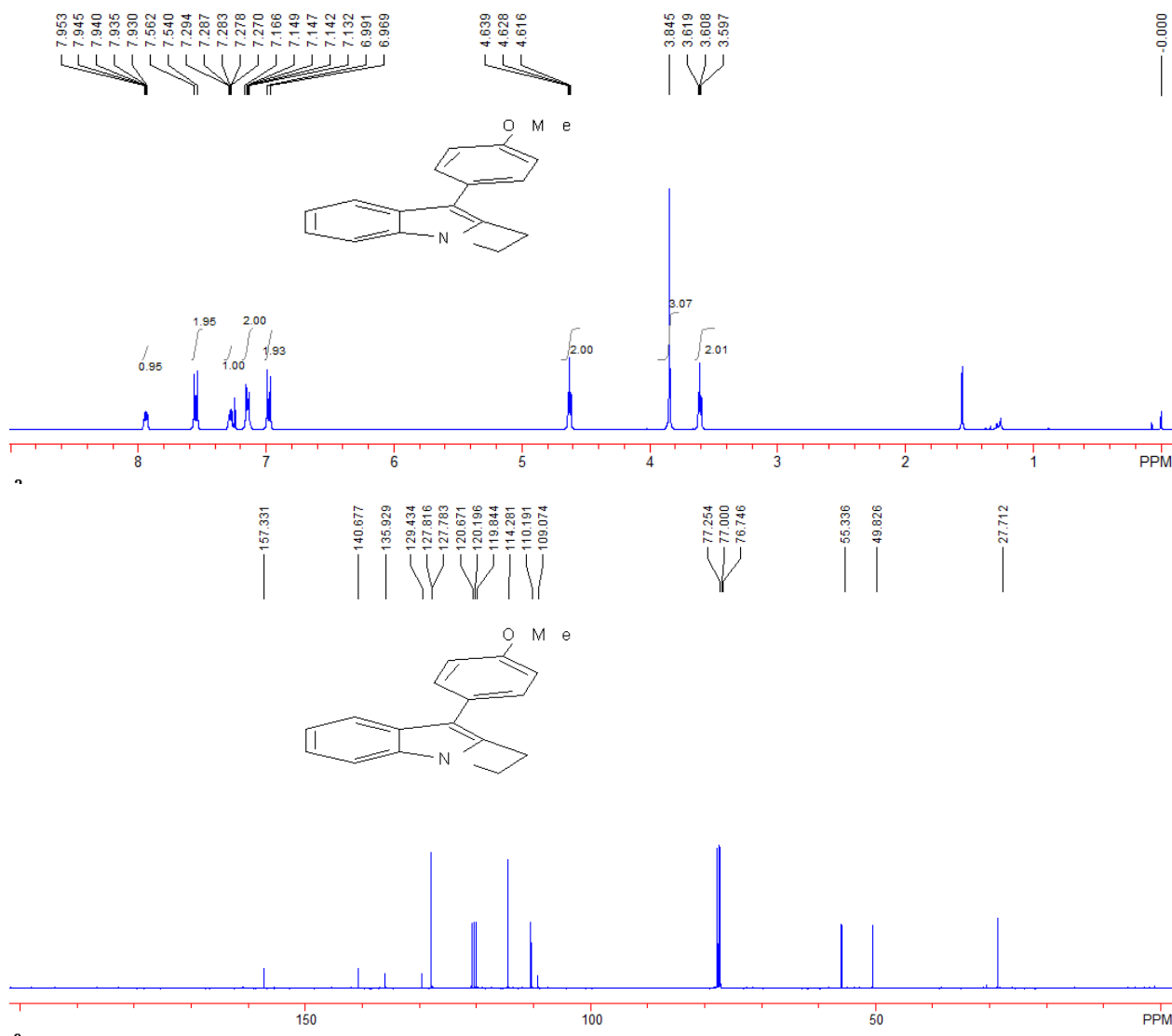


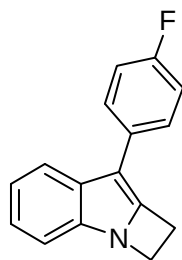
Compound 2d: 40 mg, 86%, A yellow solid, m.p. 62-64 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 2922, 1608, 1437, 1173, 1047, 854, 738 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 2.38 (s, 3H), 3.63 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.65 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.14-7.16 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.30 (m, 3H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.97-7.99 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 21.1, 27.8, 49.9, 109.3, 110.2, 119.9, 120.4, 120.7, 126.6, 129.3, 129.4, 132.2, 134.6, 135.9, 141.2; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 233 (95.3) [M⁺], 218 (100.0), 204 (10.0), 189 (13.0), 165 (9.4), 149 (20.7), 115 (12.8), 109 (20.2); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅N (M⁺) requires 233.1204, found: 233.1207.



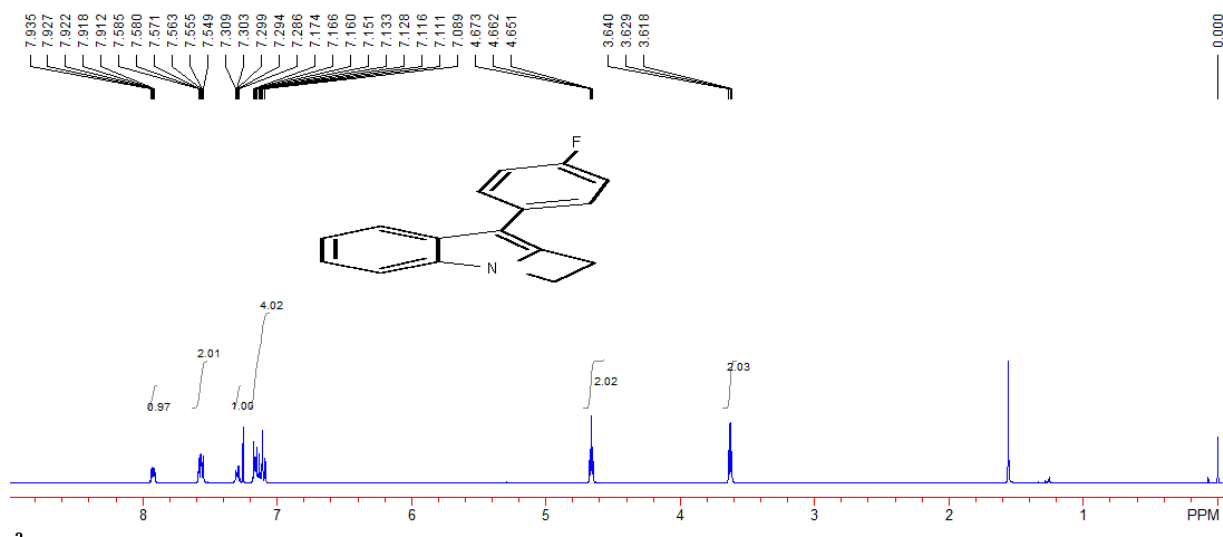


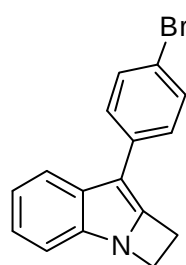
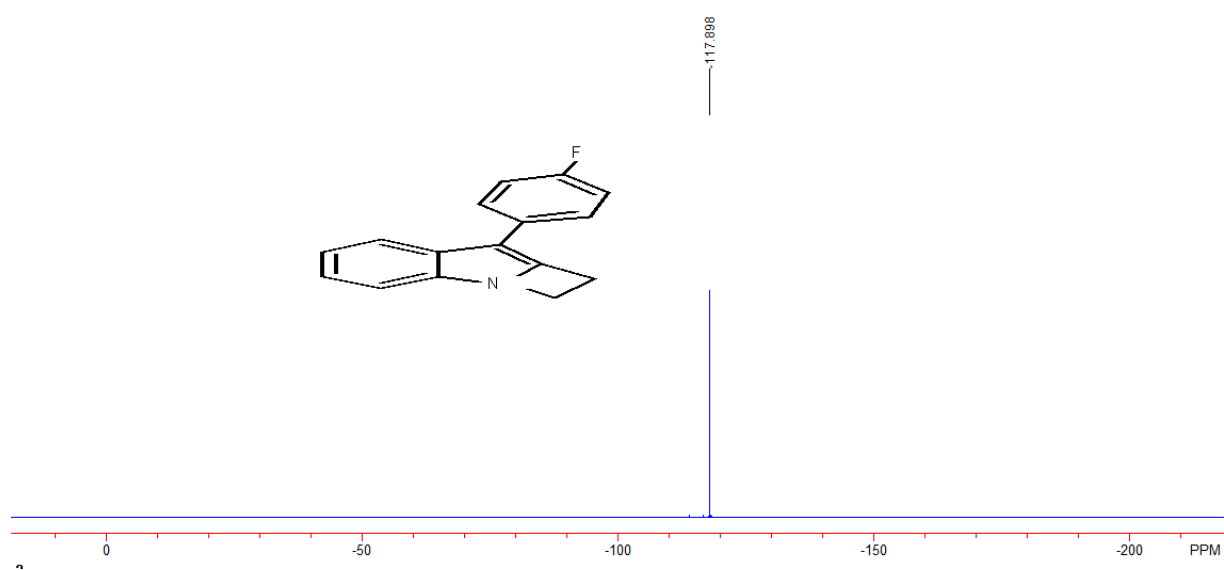
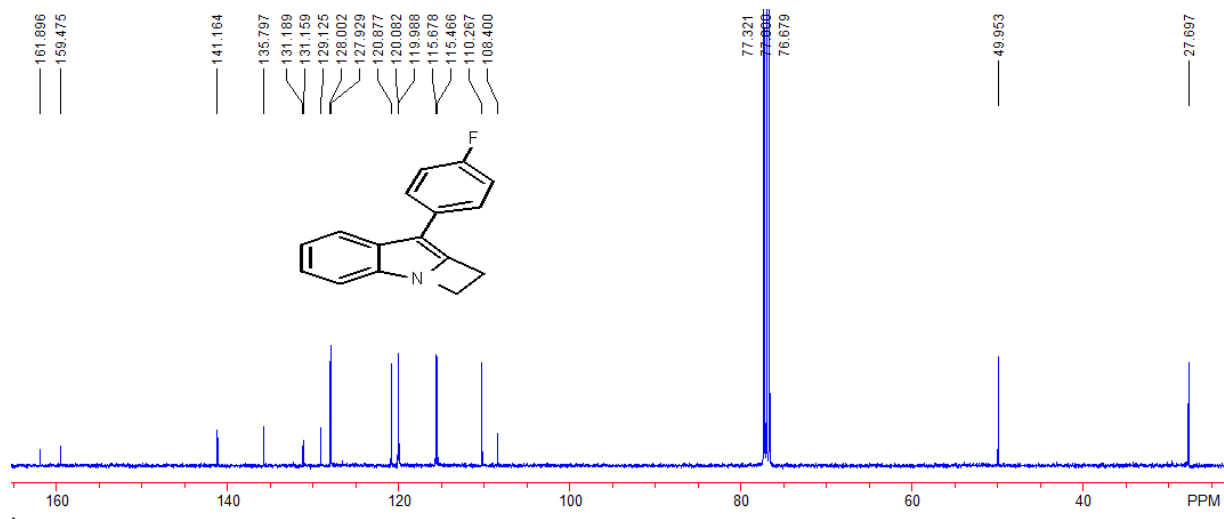
Compound 2e: 39 mg, 78%, A yellow solid, m.p. 121-123 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3047, 2954, 1607, 1433, 1240, 1031, 825 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 3.61 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 4.63 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.13-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.55 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.93-7.95 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 27.7, 49.8, 55.3, 109.1, 110.2, 114.3, 119.8, 120.2, 120.7, 127.78, 127.82, 129.4, 135.9, 140.7, 157.3; MS (ESI) m/z : 250.1 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₆NO⁺ requires: 250.1232, found: 250.1234.



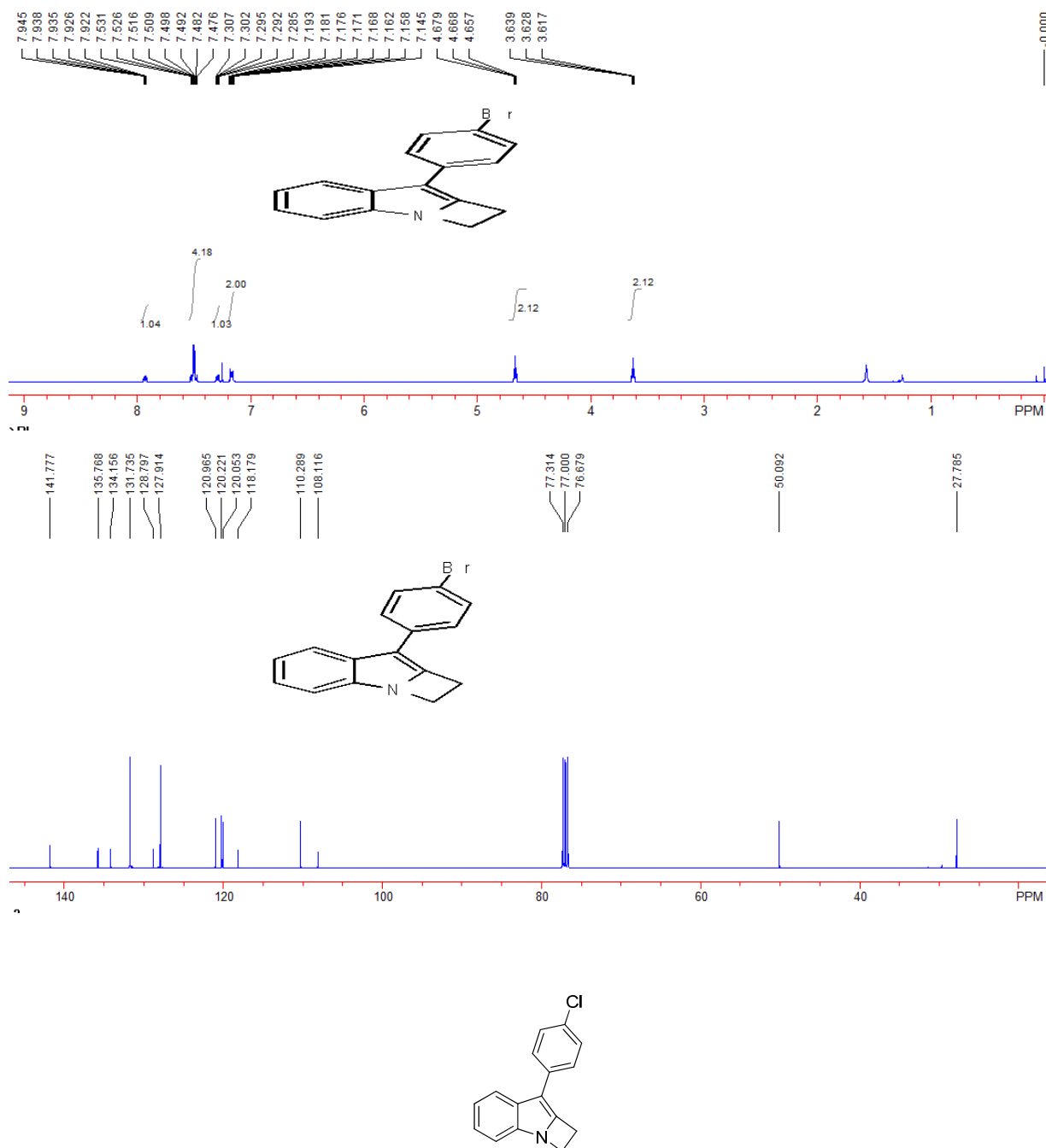


Compound 2f: 39 mg, 82%, A yellow solid, m.p. 111-113 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3045, 2956, 1607, 1564, 1506, 1437, 1221, 1057, 737 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): 3.63 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.66 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.09-7.17 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.55-7.59 (m, 2H), 7.91-7.94 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 27.7, 50.0, 108.4, 110.3, 115.6 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 21.2 Hz); 120.0, 120.1, 120.9, 128.0 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 7.3 Hz), 129.1, 131.2 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 3.0 Hz), 135.8, 141.2, 160.7 (d, *J*_{C-F} = 242.1 Hz); ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃, CFCl₃): δ -117.9 (s); MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 237 (74.6) [M⁺], 236 (100.0), 222 (6.5), 217 (6.4), 207 (7.3), 183 (16.9), 146 (3.4), 118 (12.5); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂FN (M⁺) requires 237.0954, found: 237.0960.

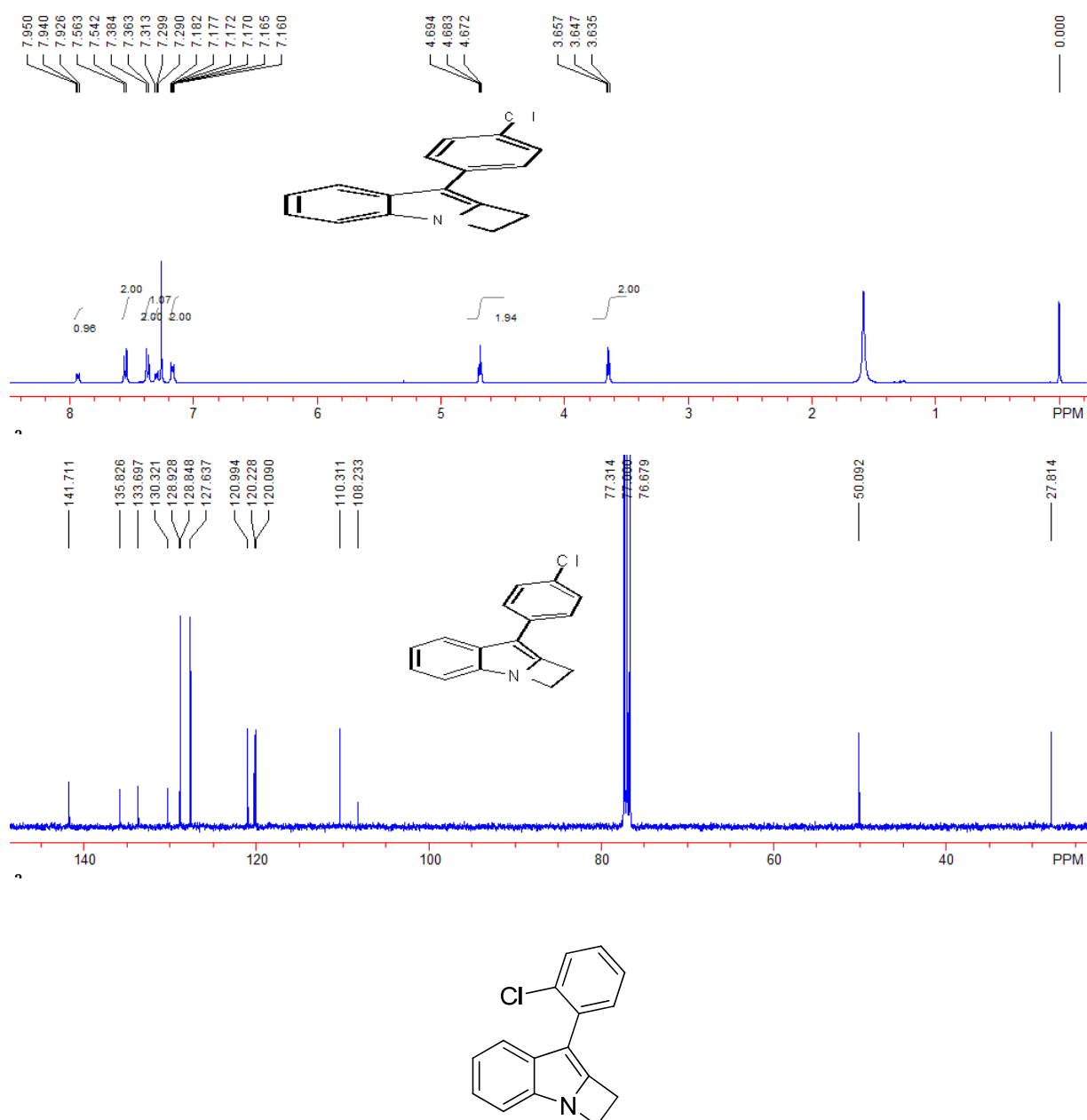




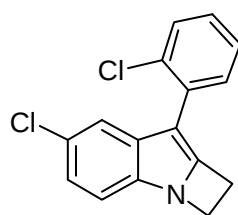
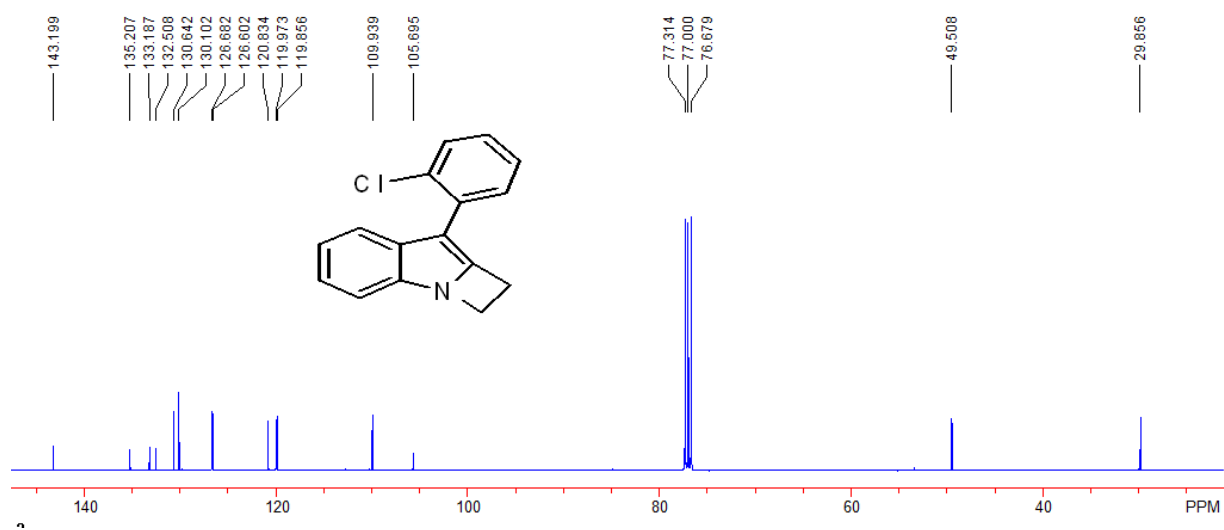
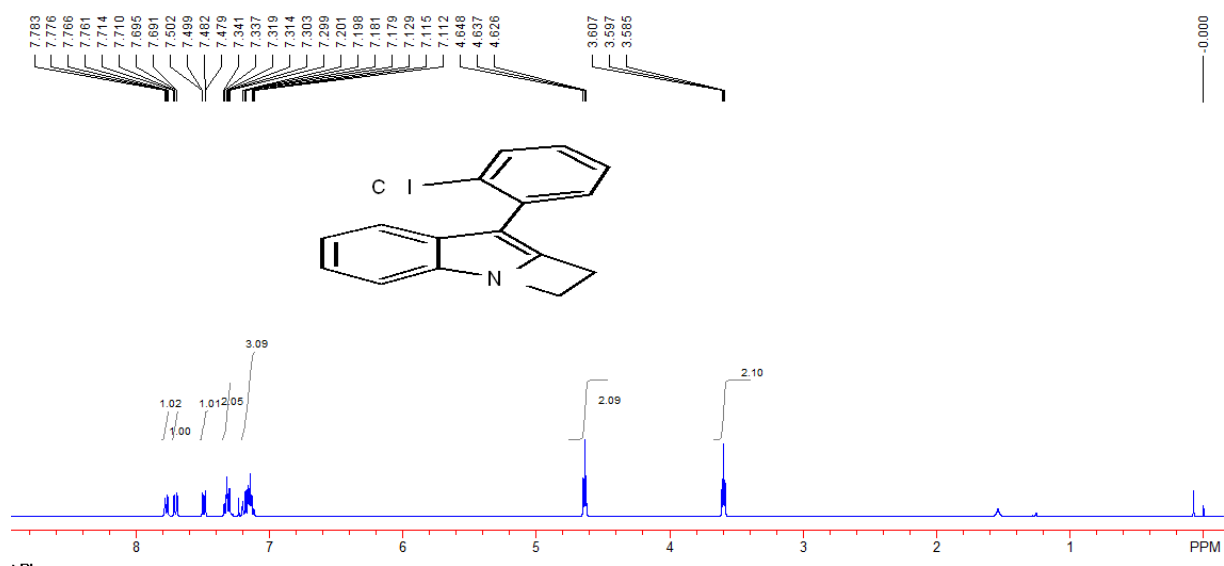
Compound 2g: 48 mg, 81%, A yellow solid, m.p. 99-101 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3048, 2954, 1560, 1437, 1143, 1046, 738 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): 3.63 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.67 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.53 (m, 4H), 7.92-7.95 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 27.8, 50.1, 108.1, 110.3, 118.2, 120.1, 120.2, 121.0, 127.9, 128.8, 131.7, 134.2, 135.8, 141.8; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 297 (32.2) [M⁺], 218 (86.0), 217 (100.0), 203 (4.2), 189 (15.6), 163 (9.7), 109 (24.7), 95 (9.6); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂BrN (M⁺) requires 297.0153, found: 297.0152.



Compound 2h: 42 mg, 83%, A yellow solid, m.p. 94-96 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 2952, 1596, 1491, 1173, 1091, 739 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): 3.65 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.68 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.16-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.29-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.37 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.93-7.95 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 27.8, 50.1, 108.2, 110.3, 120.1, 120.2, 121.0, 127.6, 128.8, 128.9, 130.3, 133.7, 135.8, 141.7; MS (ESI) *m/z*: 254.1 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₃ClN⁺ requires: 254.0731, found: 254.0736.



Compound 2i: 40 mg, 79%, A yellow solid, m.p. 85-87 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3048, 2957, 1593, 1435, 1340, 1037, 740 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): 3.60 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.64 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.11-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.30-7.34 (m, 2H), 7.49 (dd, *J*₁ = 8.0 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, *J*₁ = 7.6 Hz, *J*₂ = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, *J*₁ = 6.4 Hz, *J*₂ = 2.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 29.9, 49.5, 105.7, 109.9, 119.9, 120.0, 120.8, 126.6, 126.7, 130.1, 130.6, 132.5, 133.2, 135.2, 143.2; MS (ESI) *m/z*: 254.1 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₃ClN⁺ requires: 254.0731, found: 254.0734.



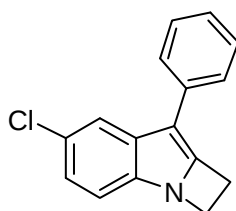
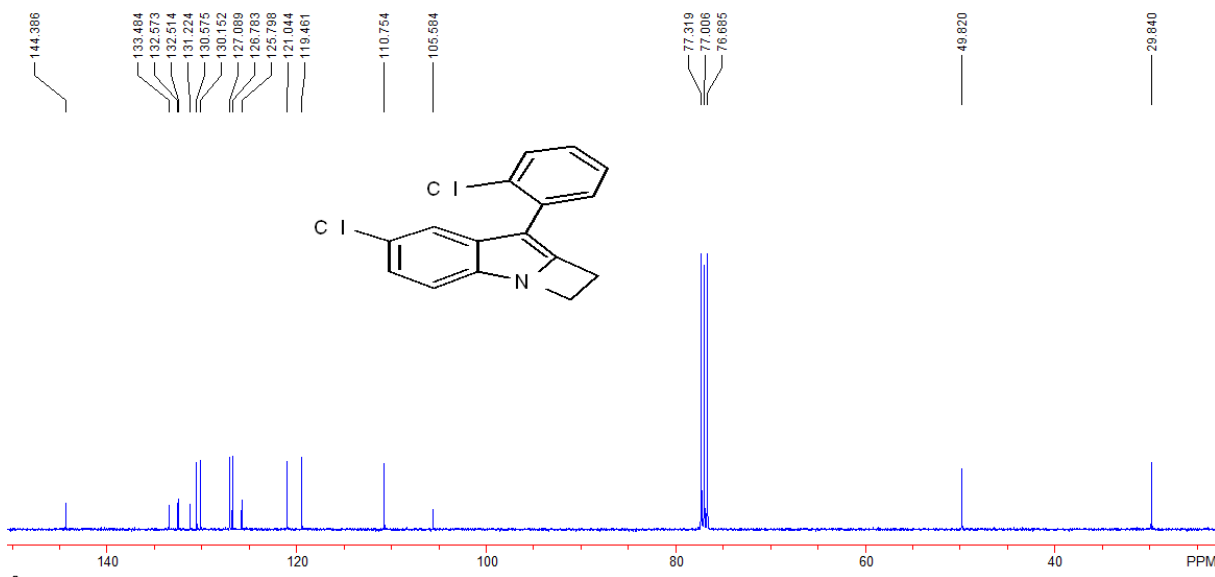
Compound 2j: 44 mg, 77%, A yellow solid, m.p. 88-90 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3065, 2958, 1611, 1593, 1436, 1036, 788, 759 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): 3.60 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 4.65 (t, J = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 7.10 (dd, J_1 = 8.8 Hz, J_2 = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.19-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.36 (m, 1H), 7.49 (dd, J_1 = 8.0 Hz, J_2 = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.63 (dd, J_1 = 7.6 Hz, J_2 = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 29.8, 49.8, 105.6, 110.8, 119.5, 121.0, 125.8, 126.8, 127.1, 130.2, 130.6, 131.2, 132.5, 132.6, 133.5, 144.4; MS (EI) m/z (%): 287 (46.2) [M⁺],

¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃) of 2-chloro-1-methyl-4-(2-chlorophenyl)-1H-benzobicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-ene.

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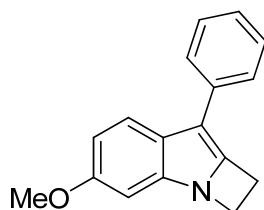
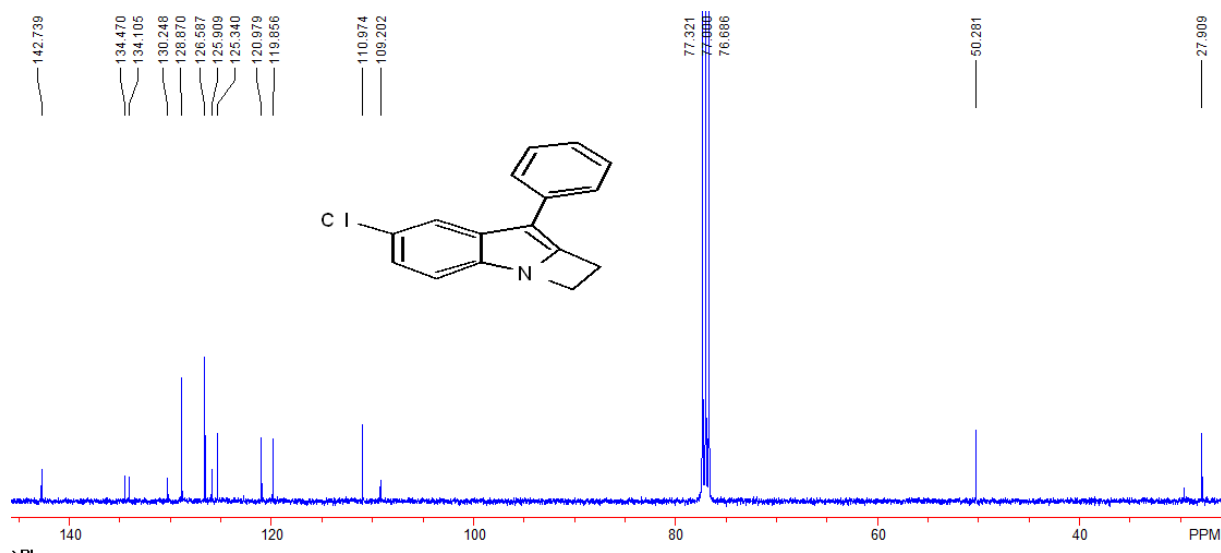
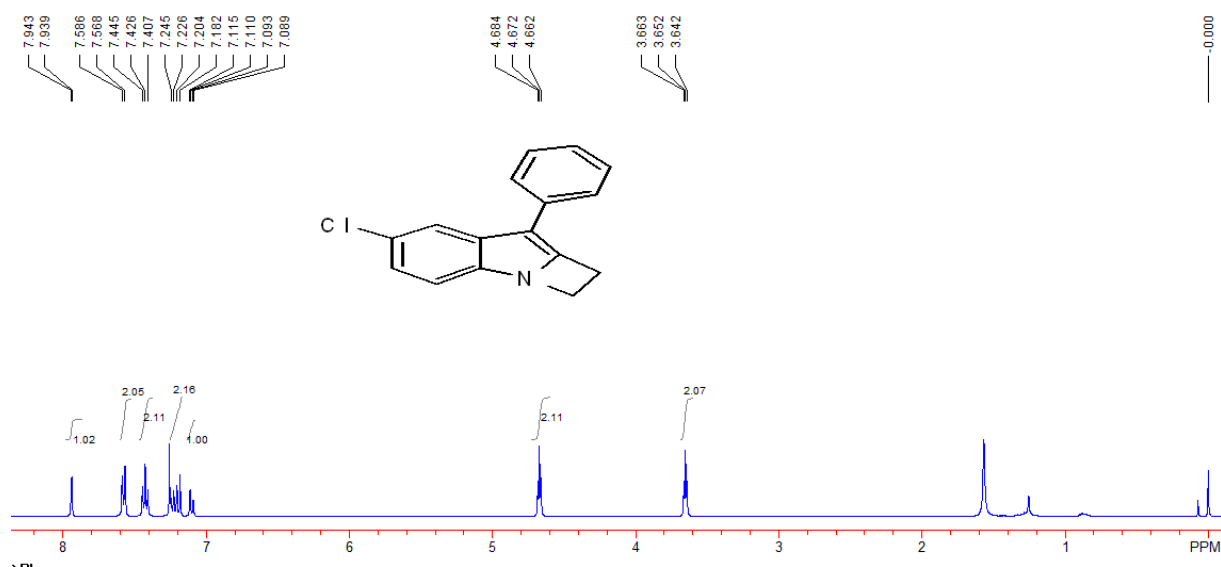
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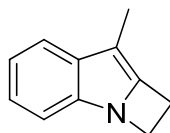
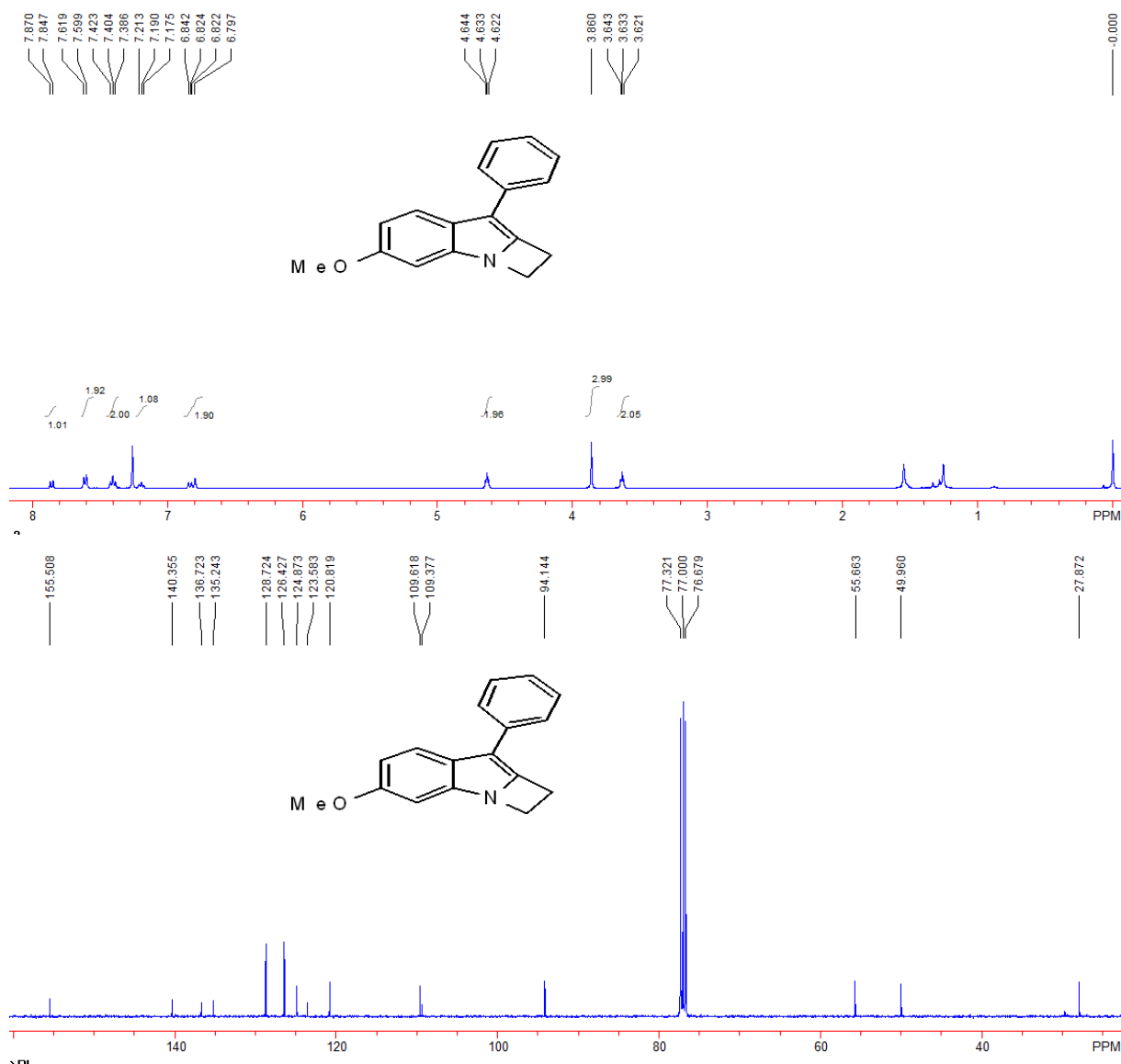
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163 (10.1), 109 (25.4), 95 (10.2); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₂ClN (M⁺) requires 253.0658, found: 253.0659.

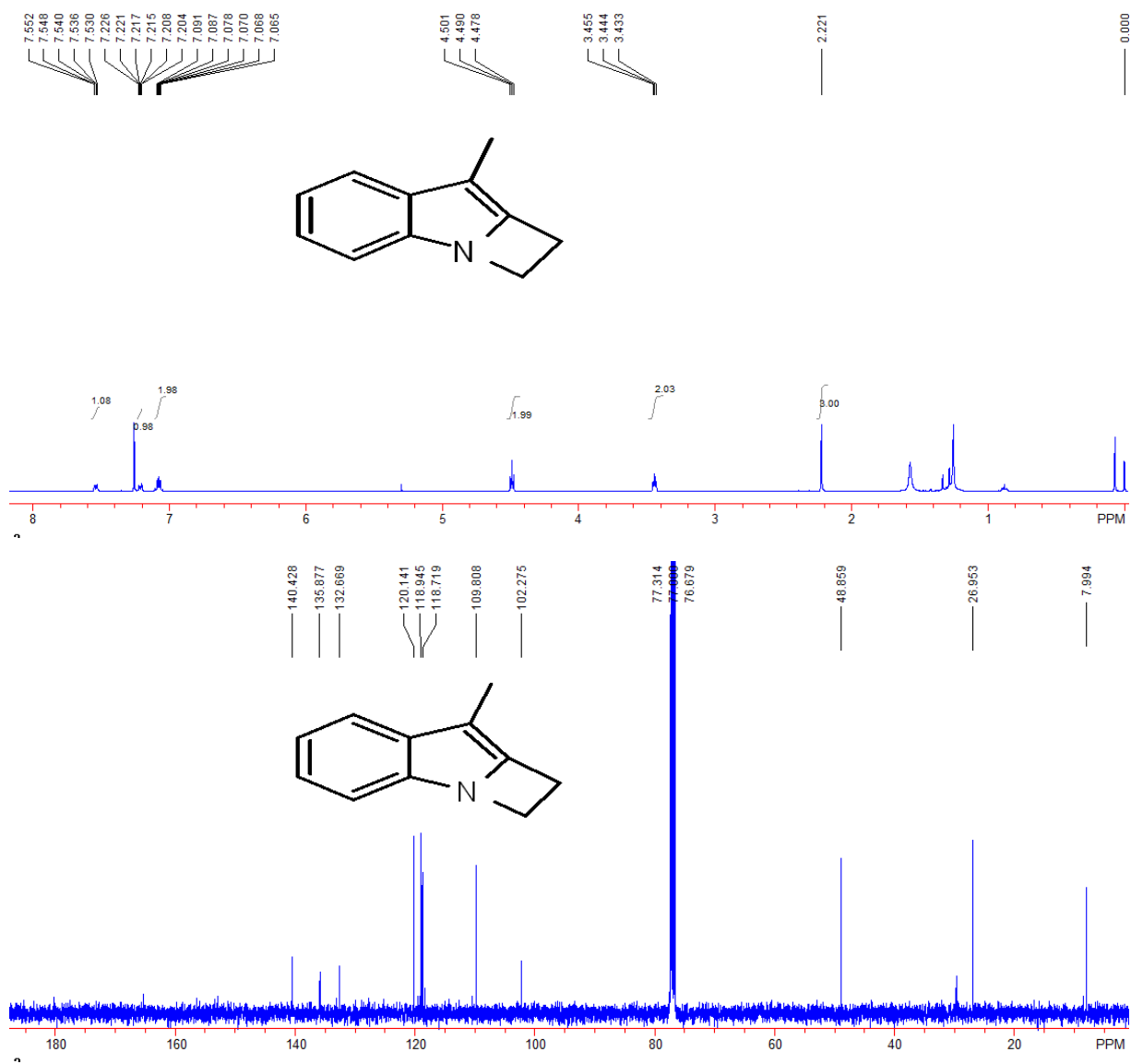


Compound 2l: 36 mg, 72%, A yellow solid, m.p. 106-108 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 2923, 1602, 1486, 1223, 1049, 811, 695 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 3.63 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H), 4.63 (t, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H), 6.80-6.84 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J*₁ = *J*₂ = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.61 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 27.9, 50.0, 55.7, 94.1, 109.4, 109.6, 120.8, 123.6, 124.9, 126.4, 128.7, 135.2, 136.7, 140.4, 155.5;

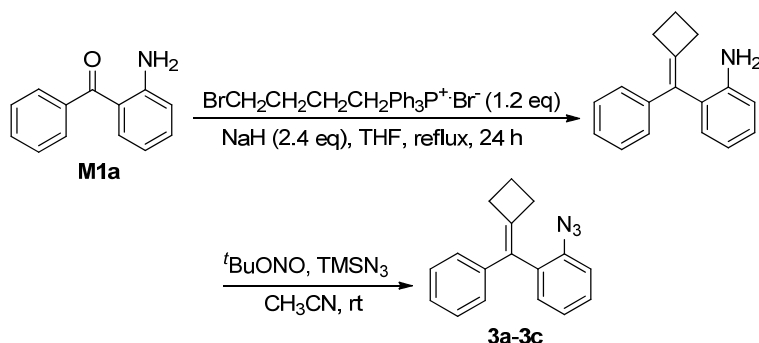
MS (ESI) m/z : 250.1 ($M+H^+$, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $C_{17}H_{16}NO^+$ requires: 250.1226, found: 250.1229.



Compound 2m: 13 mg, 42%, A colorless liquid; IR (CH_2Cl_2): ν 2924, 2853, 1709, 1601, 1484, 1263, 1088, 752 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$, TMS): δ 2.22 (s, 3H), 3.44 (t, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 4.90 (t, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.07-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.20-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.53-7.55 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$, TMS): δ 8.0, 27.0, 48.9, 102.3, 109.8, 118.7, 118.9, 120.1, 132.7, 135.9, 140.4; MS (EI) m/z (%): 157 (5.2) [M^+], 156 (7.6), 145 (11.1), 144 (100.0), 143 (14.1), 128 (7.0), 115 (7.2), 77 (7.1); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $C_{11}H_{11}N$ (M^+) requires 157.0891, found: 157.0890.

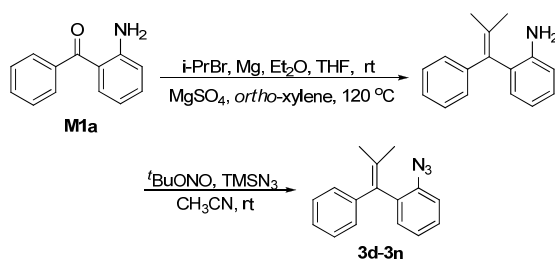


General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 3



A solution of (4-bromobutyl)triphenylphosphonium bromide (5.7 g, 12 mmol) and NaH (576 mg, 24 mmol) in THF (10 mL) was stirred at 70 °C for 12 h. Afterwards compound **M1a** (2.0 g 10 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added and the reaction solution was stirred at 70 °C for another 12 h. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 50 / 1) to afford the product in moderate yield.

To a solution of **S3** (1.0 mmol) in CH₃CN (5 mL) were added *t*BuONO (178 μL, 1.5 mmol) and TMSN₃ (262 μL, 2.0 mmol), then the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 50 / 1) to afford the product **3** in moderate yield.

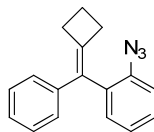


A Grignard reagent was prepared from 2-bromopropane (4.7 mL, 50 mmol) and magnesium (1.3 g, 54mmol) in dry ether (60 mL). The solution of 2-propylmagnesium bromide was added dropwise to a solution of **M1a** (2.0 g 10 mmol) in THF (15 mL) and the mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The resulting mixture was quenched by saturated aqueous NH₄Cl

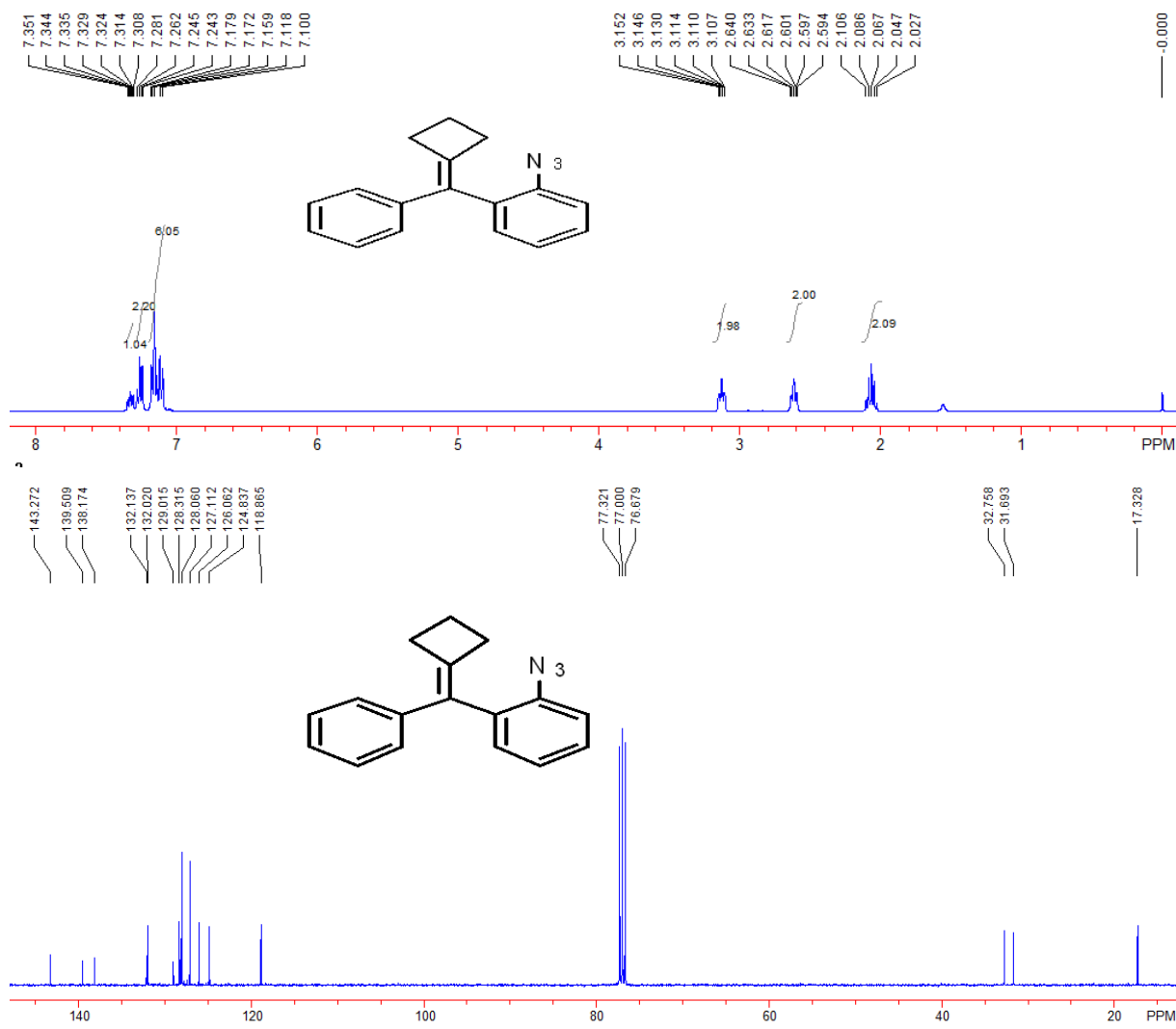
(10 mL), extracted with EtOAc (10 mL x 3), and washed by brine (10 mL). The combined extracts were dried over Na₂SO₄. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure to get the crude product without purification. The crude product and MgSO₄ (6.0 g, 50 mmol) were combined in *ortho*-xylene (20 mL) and the mixture was heated at 120 °C overnight. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 50 / 1) to afford the product in good yield.

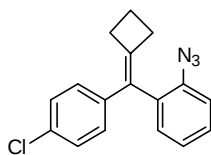
To a solution of **S3** (1.0 mmol) in CH₃CN (5.0 mL) were added ^tBuONO (178 μL, 1.5 mmol) and TMSN₃ (262 μL, 2.0 mmol), then the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 4 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 50 / 1) to afford the product **3** in moderate yield.

Spectroscopic data for compounds 3

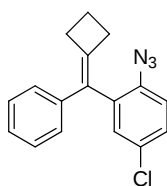
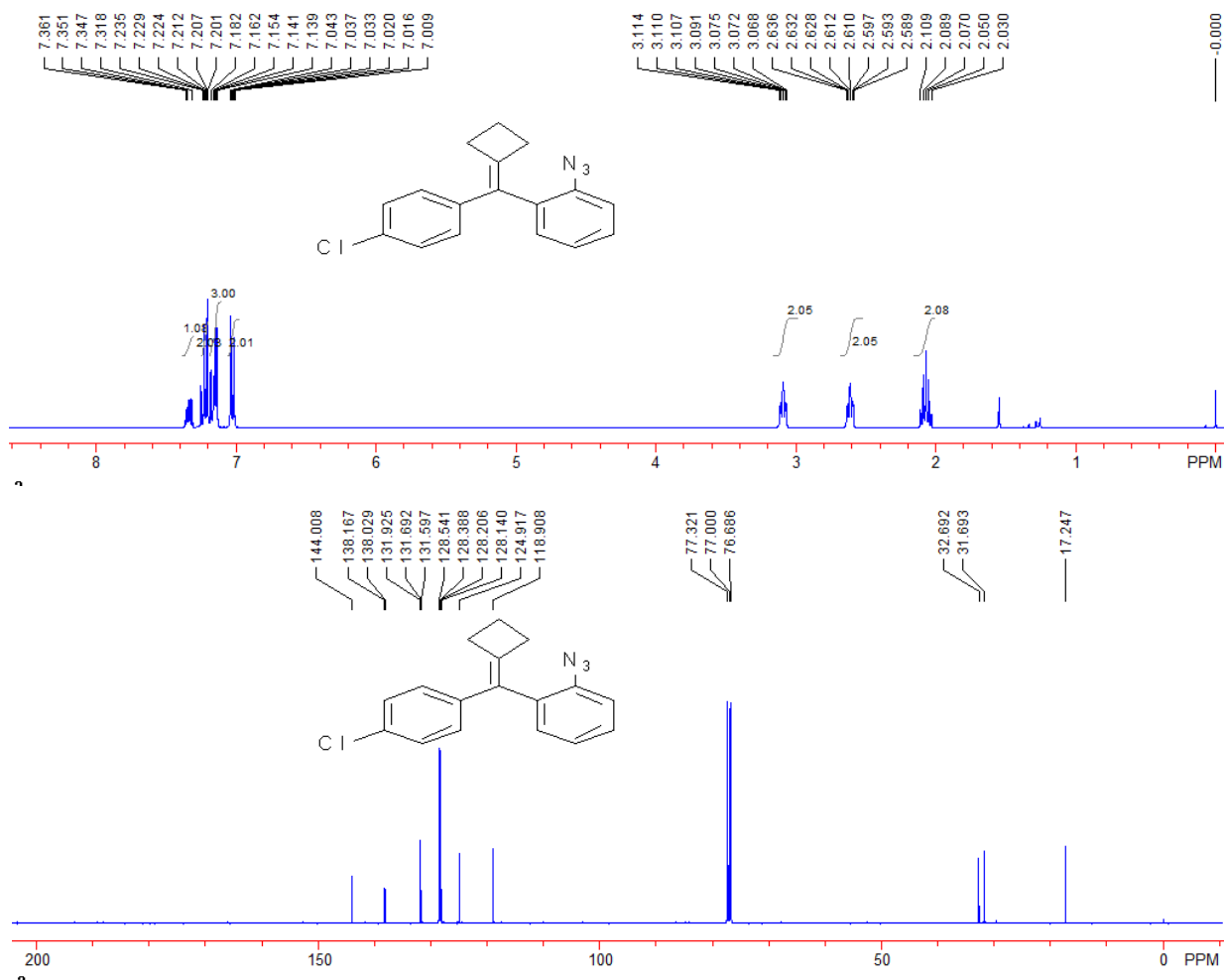


Compound 3a: 104 mg, 40%, A yellow solid, m.p. 106-108 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3054, 2952, 2122, 2089, 1494, 1287, 753 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 2.03-2.11 (m, 2H), 2.59-2.64 (m, 2H), 3.11-3.15 (m, 2H), 7.10-7.18 (m, 6H), 7.24-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.35 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 17.3, 31.7, 32.8, 118.9, 124.8, 126.1, 127.1, 128.1, 128.3, 129.0, 132.0, 132.1, 138.2, 139.5, 143.3; MS (EI) m/z (%): 233 (100.0) [M-N₂⁺], 217 (43.9), 204 (97.6), 190 (11.4), 176 (15.9), 165 (15.4), 152 (11.1), 115 (15.1); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₅N (M-N₂⁺) requires 233.1204, found: 233.1205.

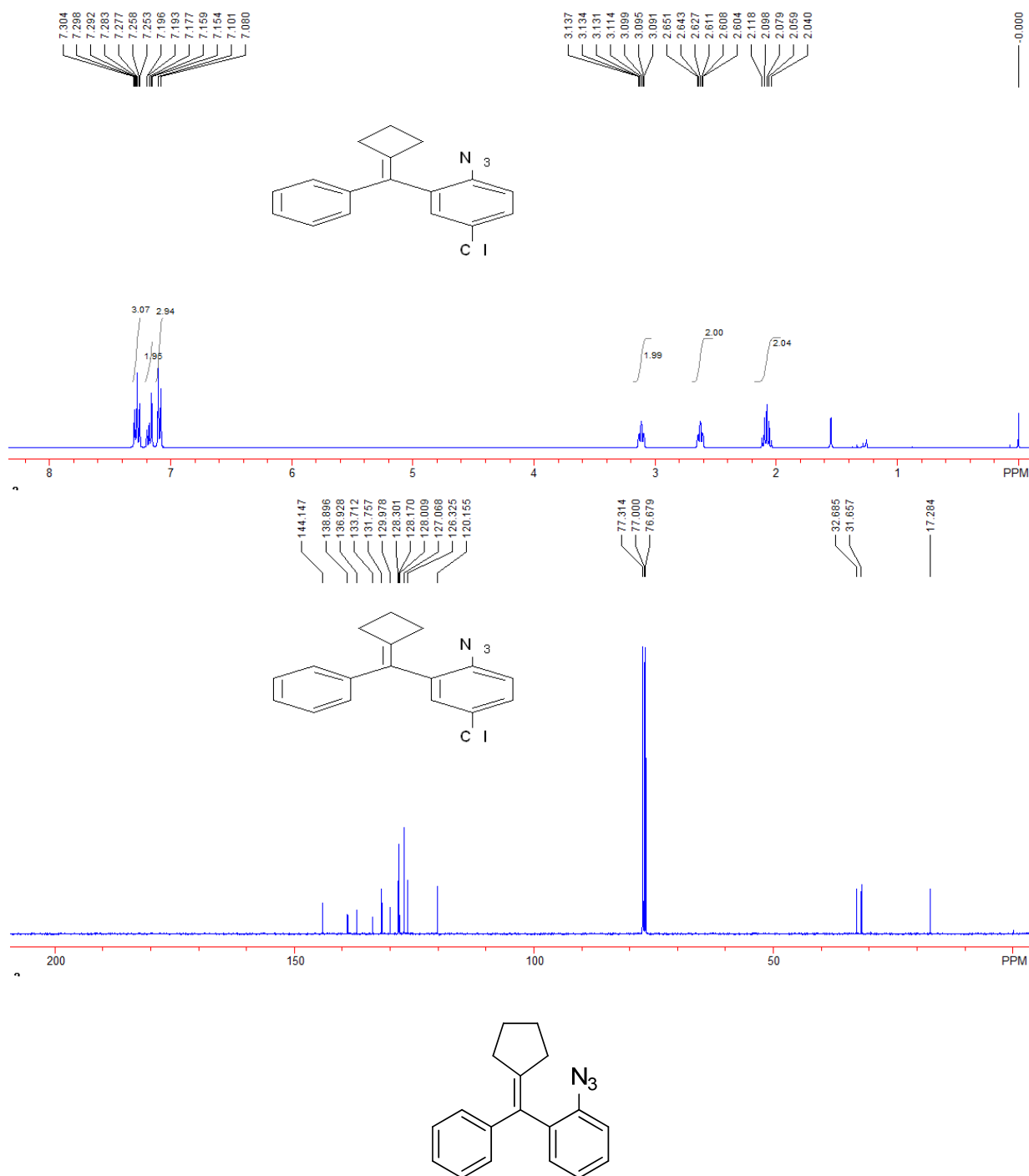




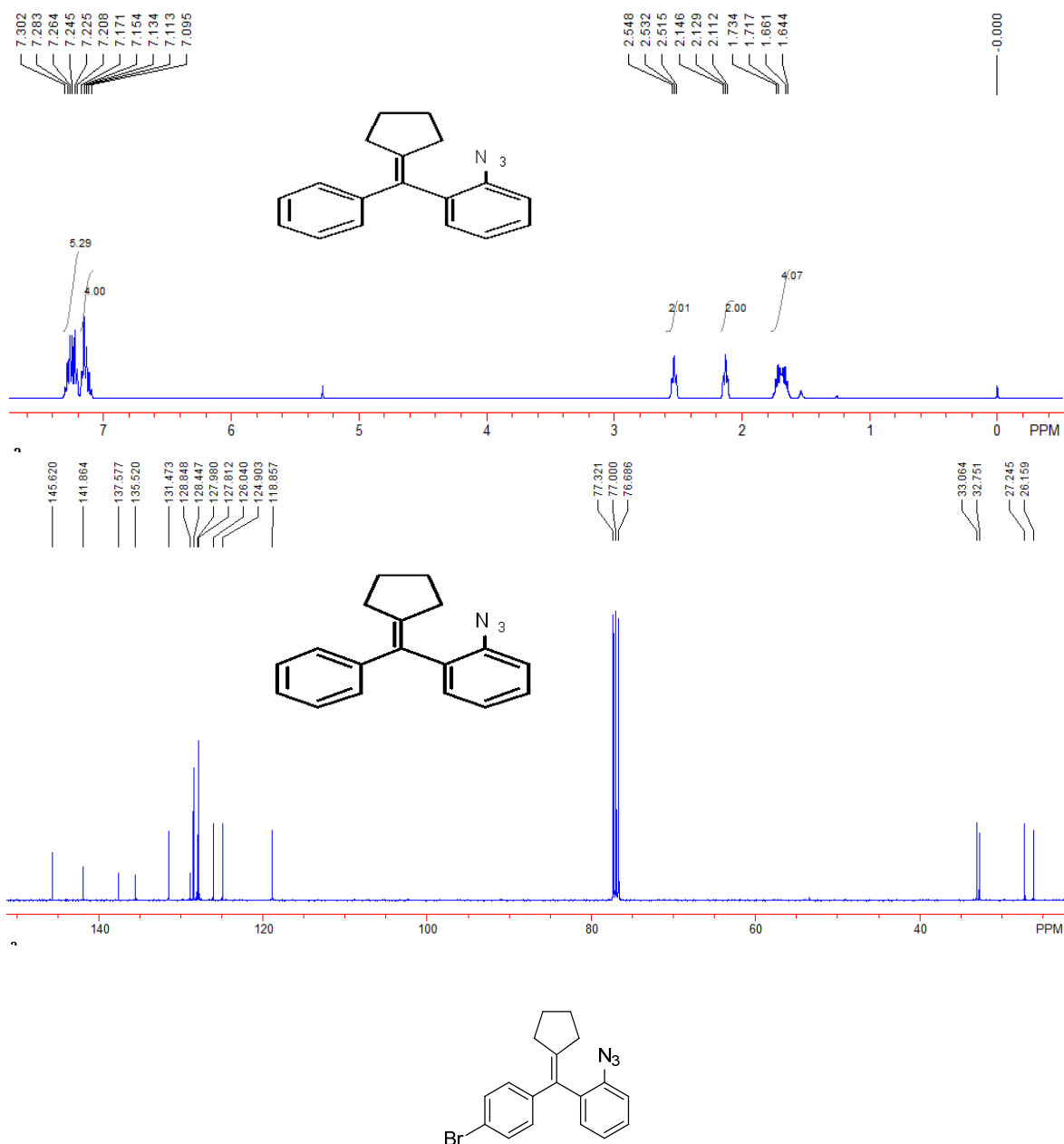
Compound 3b: 200 mg, 68%, A yellow solid, m.p. 116-118 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 2952, 2914, 2124, 2093, 1479, 1298, 768 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 2.03-2.11 (m, 2H), 2.59-2.64 (m, 2H), 3.07-3.11 (m, 2H), 7.01-7.04 (m, 2H), 7.14-7.18 (m, 3H), 7.20-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.36 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 17.2, 31.7, 32.7, 118.9, 124.9, 128.1, 128.2, 128.4, 128.5, 131.6, 131.7, 131.9, 138.0, 138.2, 144.0; MS (EI) m/z (%): 267 (100,0) [M-N₂⁺], 268 (43.1), 266 (77.7), 238 (29.8), 231 (33.7), 217 (38.1), 204 (90.6), 203 (46.1); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄NCl (M-N₂⁺) requires 267.0815, found: 267.0819.



Compound 3c: 153 mg, 52%, A yellow solid, m.p. 96-98 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 2952, 2915, 2121, 2089, 1490, 1293, 752 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 2.04-2.12 (m, 2H), 2.60-2.65 (m, 2H), 3.09-3.14 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 3H), 7.15-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.30 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 17.3, 31.7, 32.7, 120.2, 126.3, 127.1, 128.0, 128.2, 128.3, 130.0, 131.8, 133.7, 136.9, 138.9, 144.1; MS (EI) m/z (%): 204 (100.0) [M-N₂⁺], 267 (97.2), 266 (65.5), 231 (33.4), 230 (30.1), 217 (32.6), 203 (39.1), 176 (20.3); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₄NCl (M-N₂⁺) requires 267.0815, found: 267.0809.

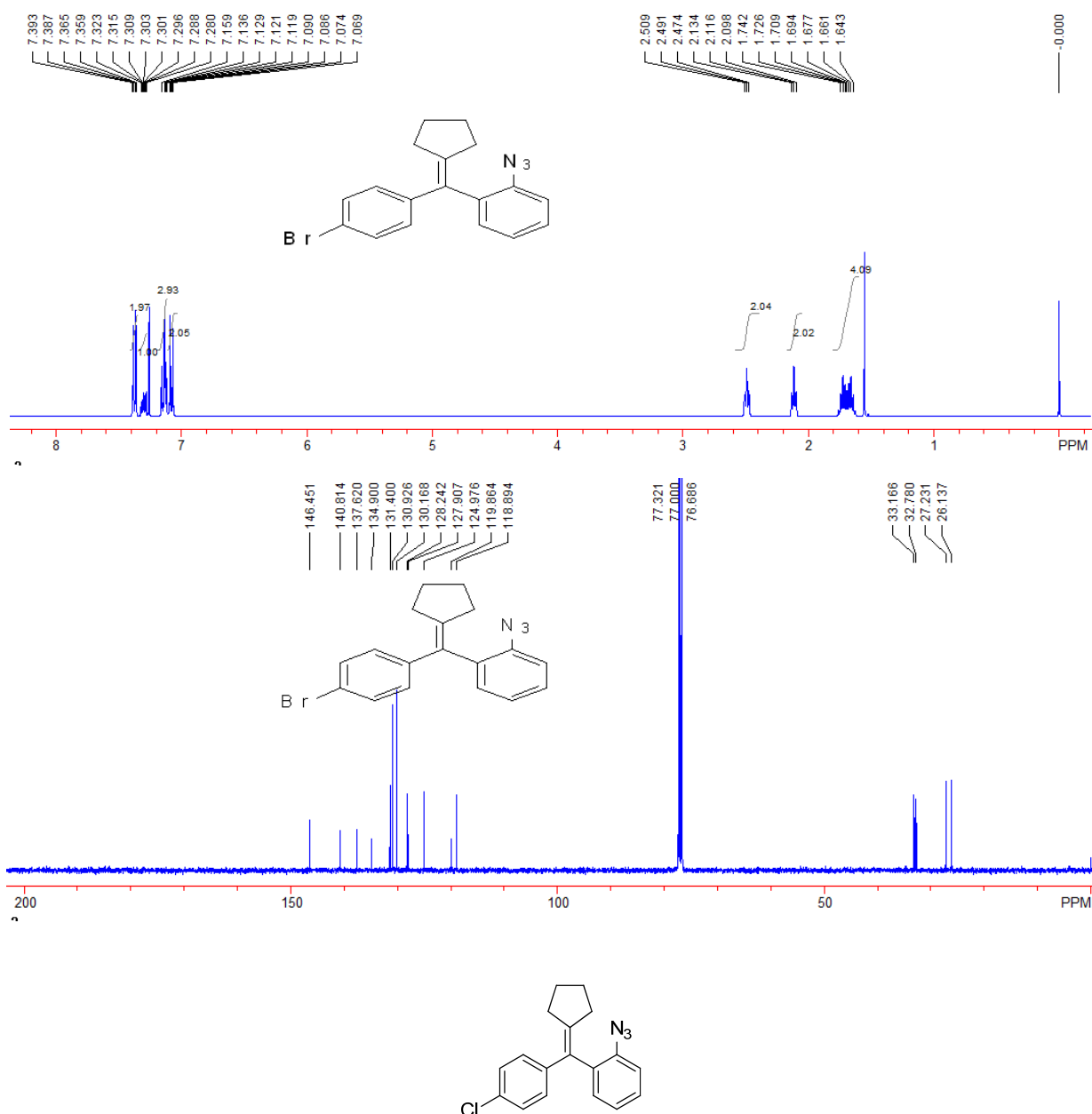


Compound 3d: 212 mg, 77%, A yellow solid, m.p. 82-84 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 2953, 2121, 2092, 1484, 1284, 751, 699 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.64-1.73 (m, 4H), 2.13 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 7.10-7.17 (m, 4H), 7.21-7.30 (m, 5H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 26.2, 27.2, 32.8, 33.1, 118.9, 124.9, 126.0, 127.8, 128.0, 128.4, 128.8, 131.5, 135.5, 137.6, 141.9, 145.6; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 247 (100.0) [M-N₂⁺], 218 (87.4), 204 (32.7), 178 (13.6), 170 (13.0), 165 (14.1), 152 (10.7), 115 (12.4); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₈H₁₇N (M-N₂⁺) requires 247.1361, found: 247.1362.



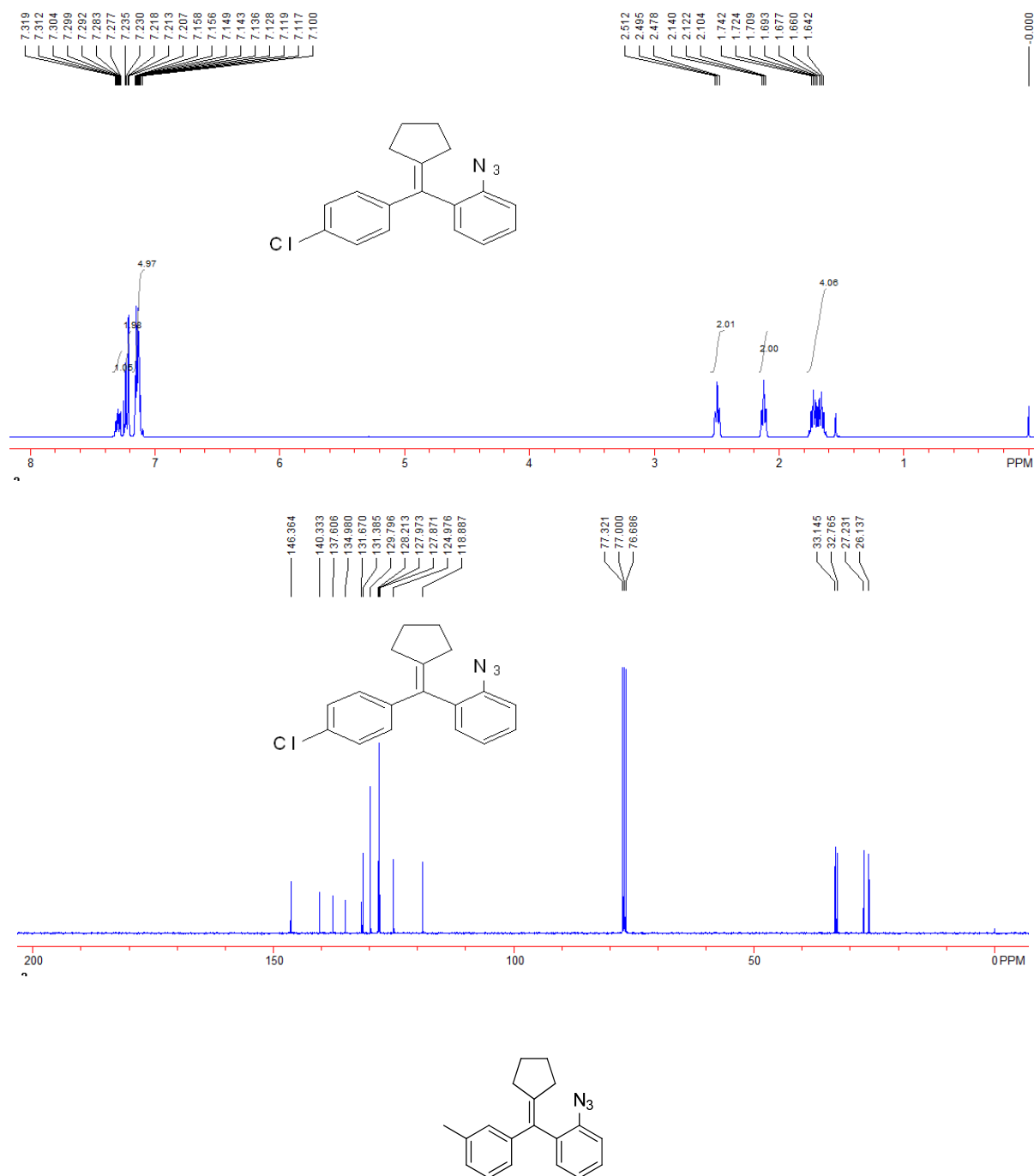
Compound 3e: 292 mg, 83%, A yellow solid, m.p. 112-114 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 2953, 2866, 2119, 2087, 1485, 1287, 751 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.64-1.74 (m, 4H), 2.12 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.49 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.07-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.12-7.16 (m, 3H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 1H),

7.36-7.39 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS): δ 26.1, 27.2, 32.8, 33.2, 118.9, 119.9, 125.0, 127.9, 128.2, 130.2, 130.9, 131.4, 134.9, 137.6, 140.8, 146.5; MS (EI) m/z (%): 325 (100.0) $[\text{M}-\text{N}_2^+]$, 327 (94.6), 326 (57.9), 297 (33.8), 246 (21.3), 218 (53.4), 217 (92.2), 204 (45.1); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{16}\text{NBr}$ ($\text{M}-\text{N}_2^+$) requires 325.0466, found: 325.0468.



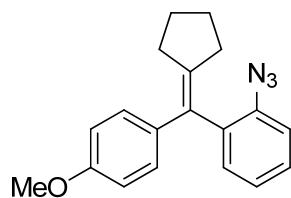
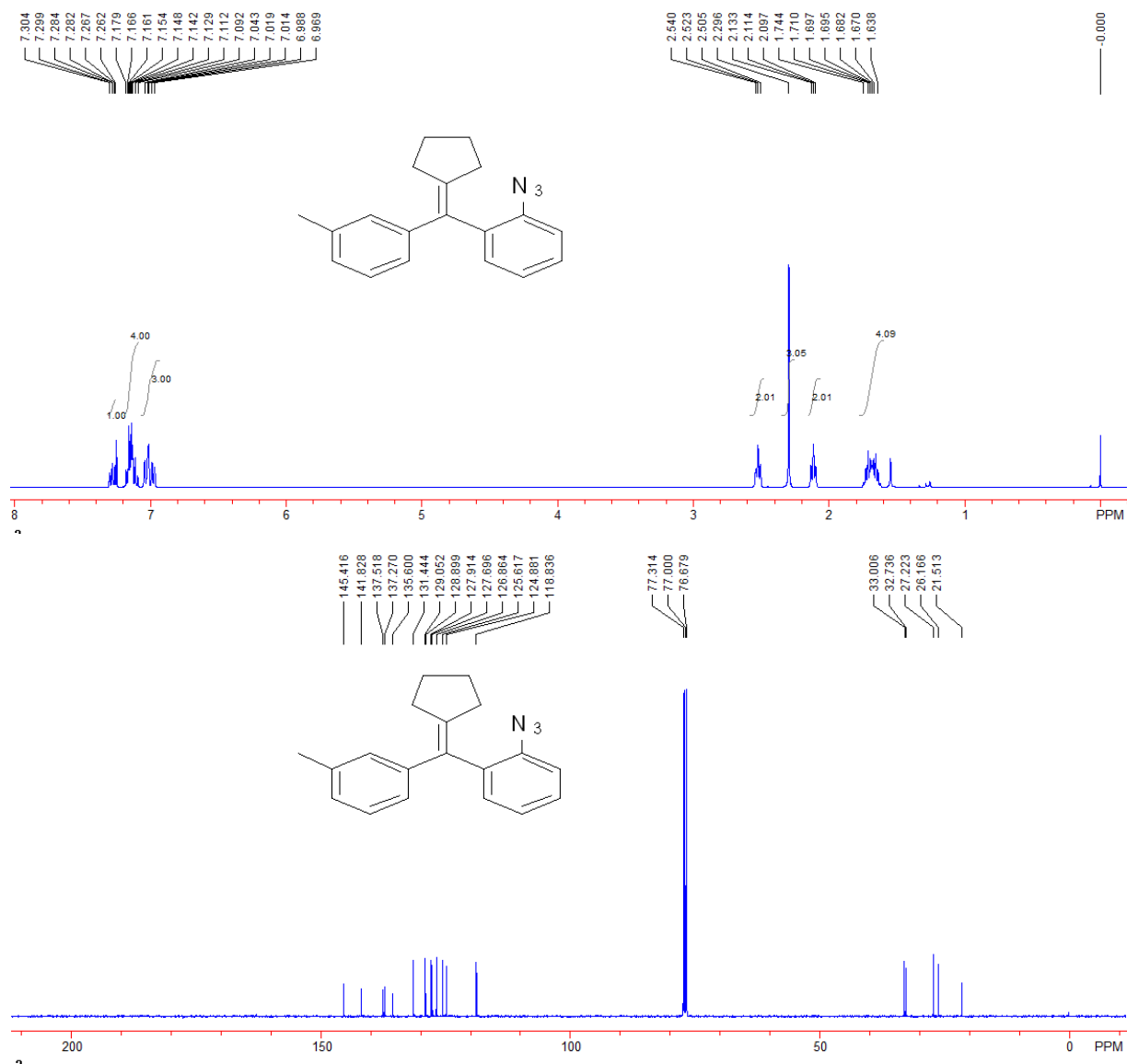
Compound 3f: 256 mg, 82%, A yellow solid, m.p. 92-94 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR (CH_2Cl_2): ν 2954, 2867, 2120, 2087, 1487, 1291, 751 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS): δ 1.64-1.74 (m, 4H), 2.12 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.10-7.16 (m, 5H), 7.21-7.24 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.32 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS): δ 26.1, 27.2, 32.8, 33.1, 118.9, 125.0, 127.9, 128.0, 128.2, 129.8, 131.4, 131.7, 135.0, 137.6, 140.3, 146.4; MS (EI) m/z (%): 281 (100.0) $[\text{M}-\text{N}_2^+]$, 282

(36.2), 280 (59.6), 253 (42.2), 218 (36.5), 217 (54.5), 204 (30.0), 107 (12.4); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for $C_{18}H_{16}NCl$ ($M-N_2^+$) requires 281.0971, found: 281.0977.



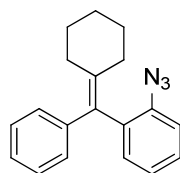
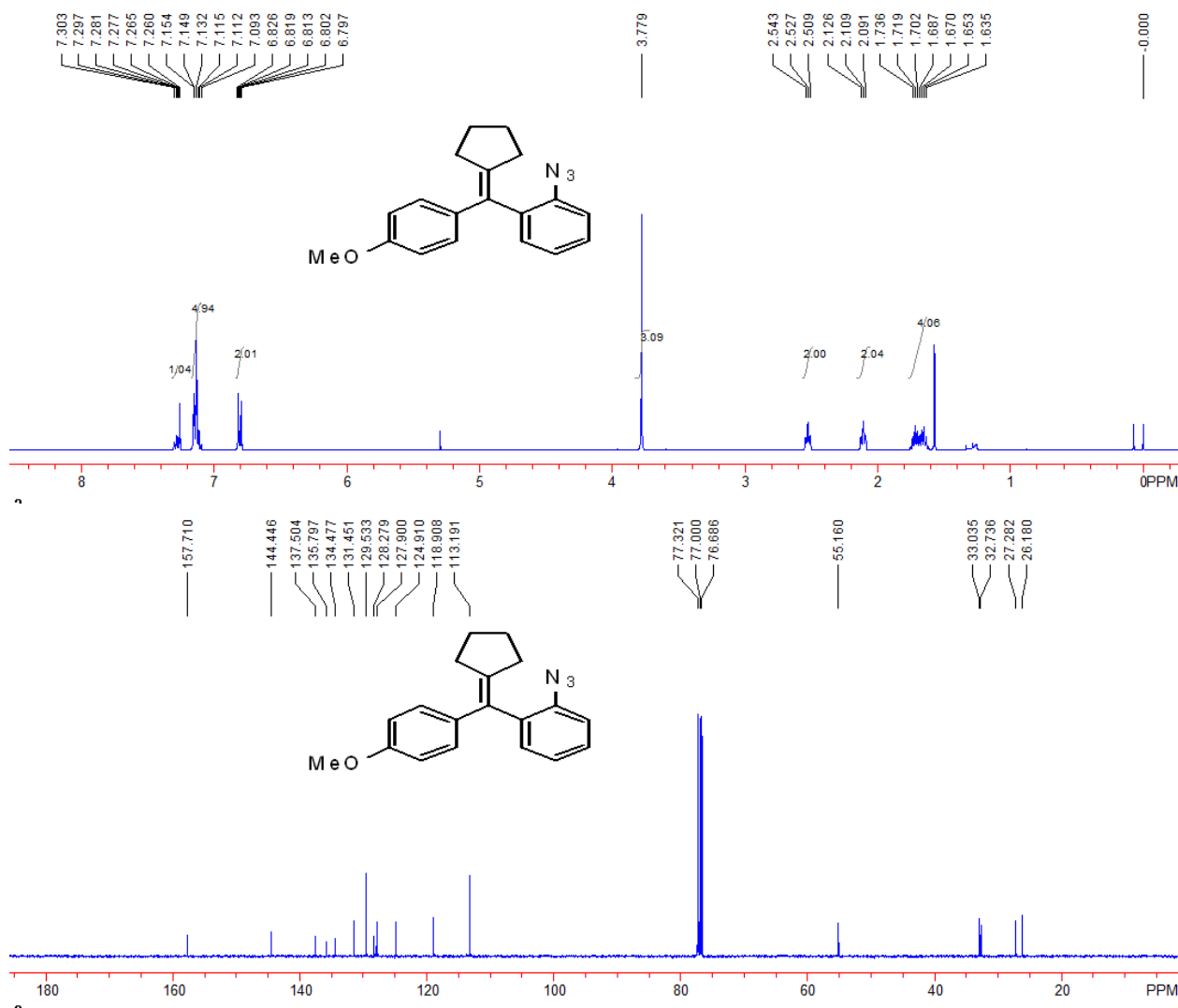
Compound 3g: 249 mg, 86%, A yellow solid, m.p. 74-76 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 2953, 2866, 2119, 2089, 1483, 1296, 751 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.64-1.74 (m, 4H), 2.11 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.52 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.97-7.04 (m, 3H), 7.09-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.30 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 21.5, 26.2, 27.2, 32.7, 33.0, 118.8, 124.9, 125.6, 126.9, 127.7, 127.9, 128.9, 129.1, 131.4, 135.6, 137.3, 137.5, 141.8, 145.4; MS (EI)

m/z (%): 261 (100.0) [M-N₂⁺], 260 (57.4), 233 (35.0), 323 (39.0), 218 (33.0), 217 (34.1), 204 (17.7), 178 (7.9); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉N (M-N₂⁺) requires 261.1517, found: 261.1515.

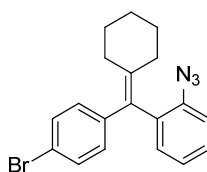
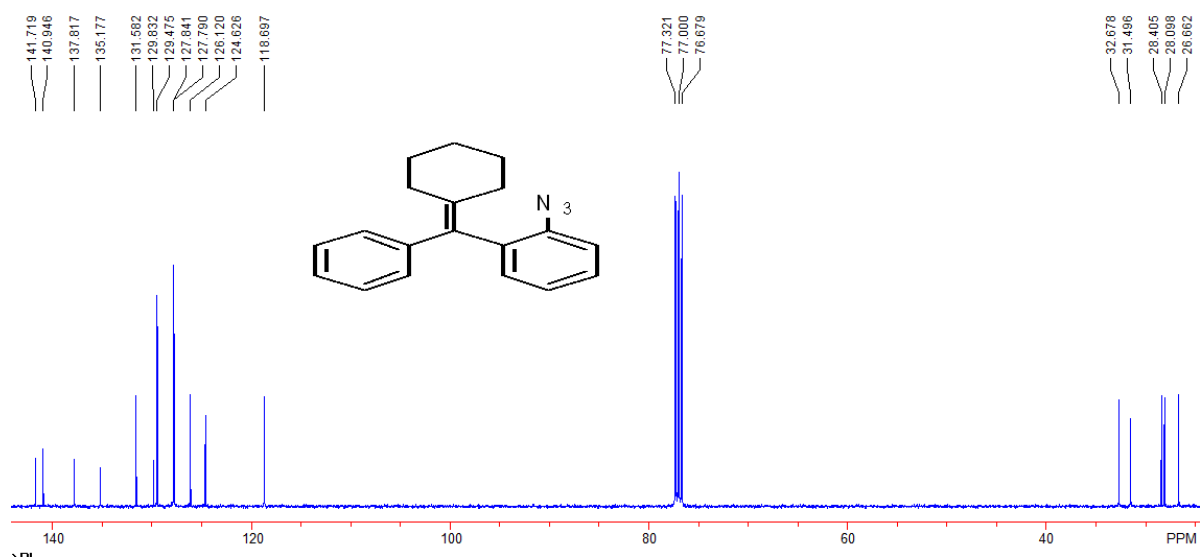
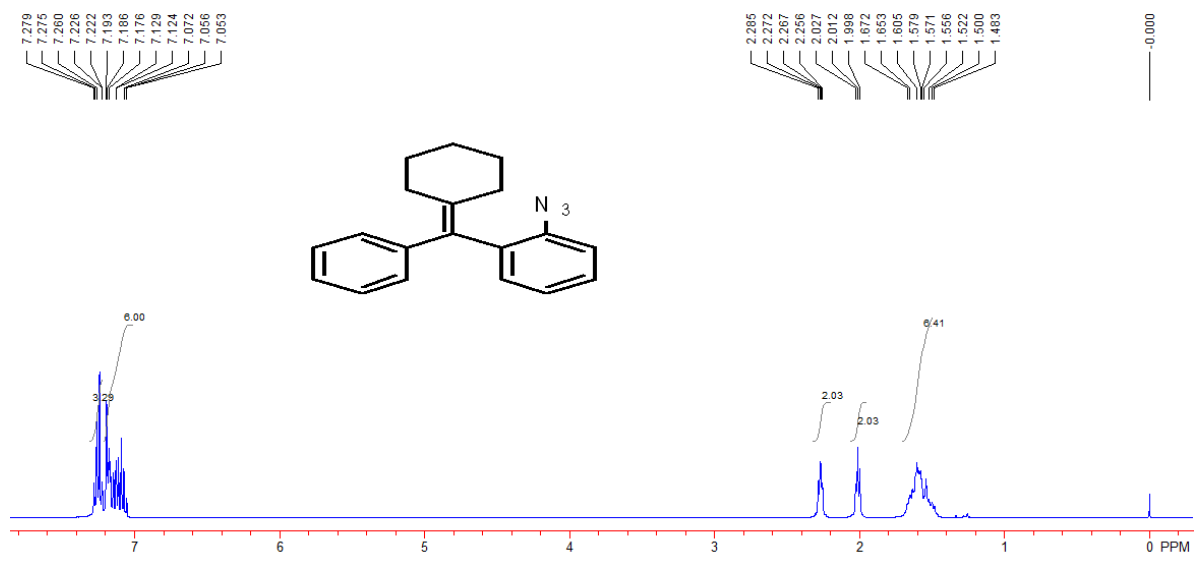


Compound 3h: 190 mg, 63%, A yellow solid, m.p. 111-113 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 2953, 2866, 2121, 2089, 1510, 1284, 1246, 831 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.64-1.74 (m, 4H), 2.11 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 2.53 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 6.80-6.83 (m, 2H), 7.09-7.15 (m, 5H), 7.26-7.30 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 26.2, 27.3, 32.7, 33.0, 55.2, 113.2, 118.9, 124.9,

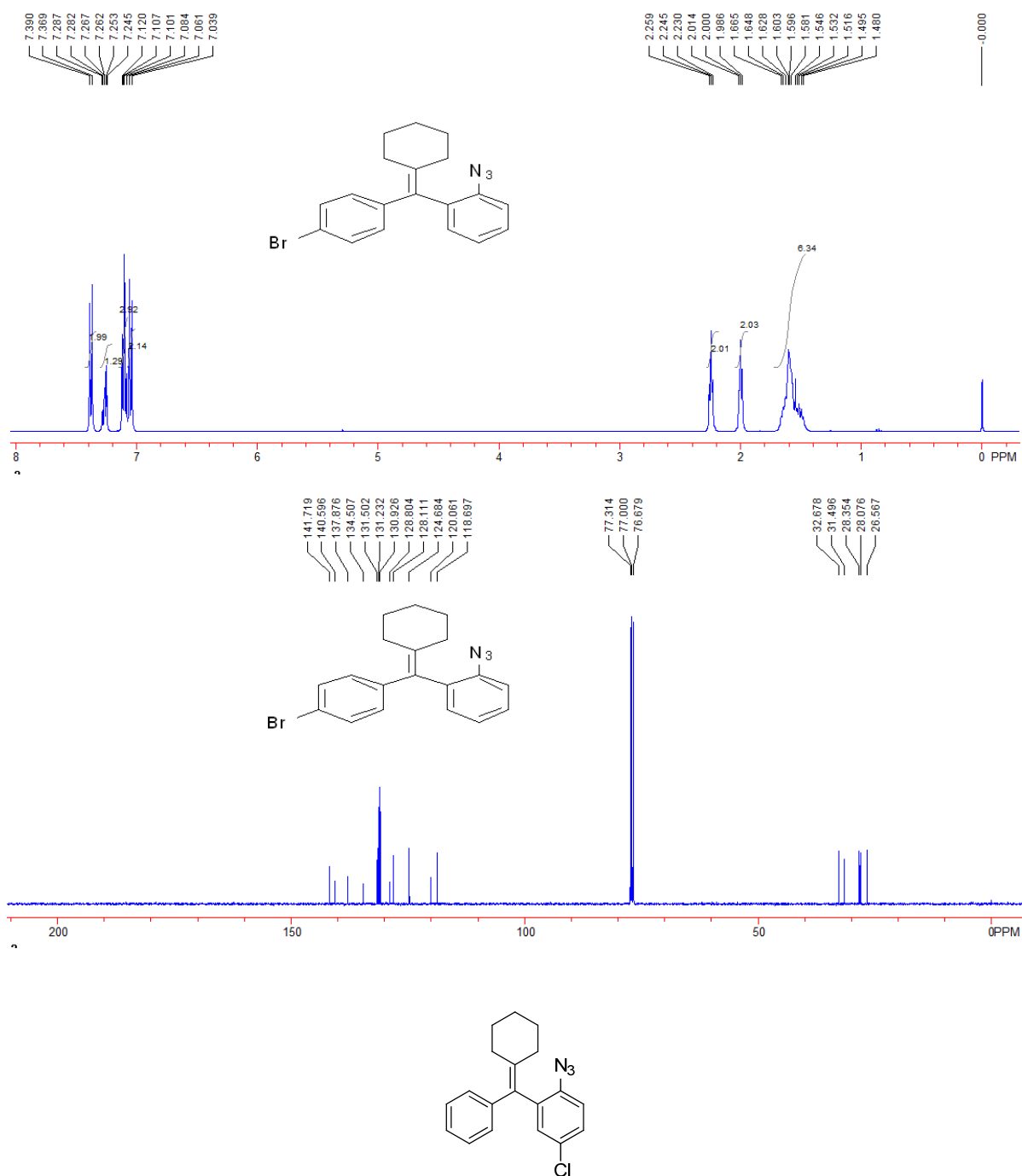
127.9, 128.3, 129.5, 131.5, 134.5, 135.8, 137.5, 144.4, 157.7; MS (ESI) m/z : 306.2 ($M+H^+$, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $C_{19}H_{20}N_3O^+$ requires: 306.1606, found: 306.1613.



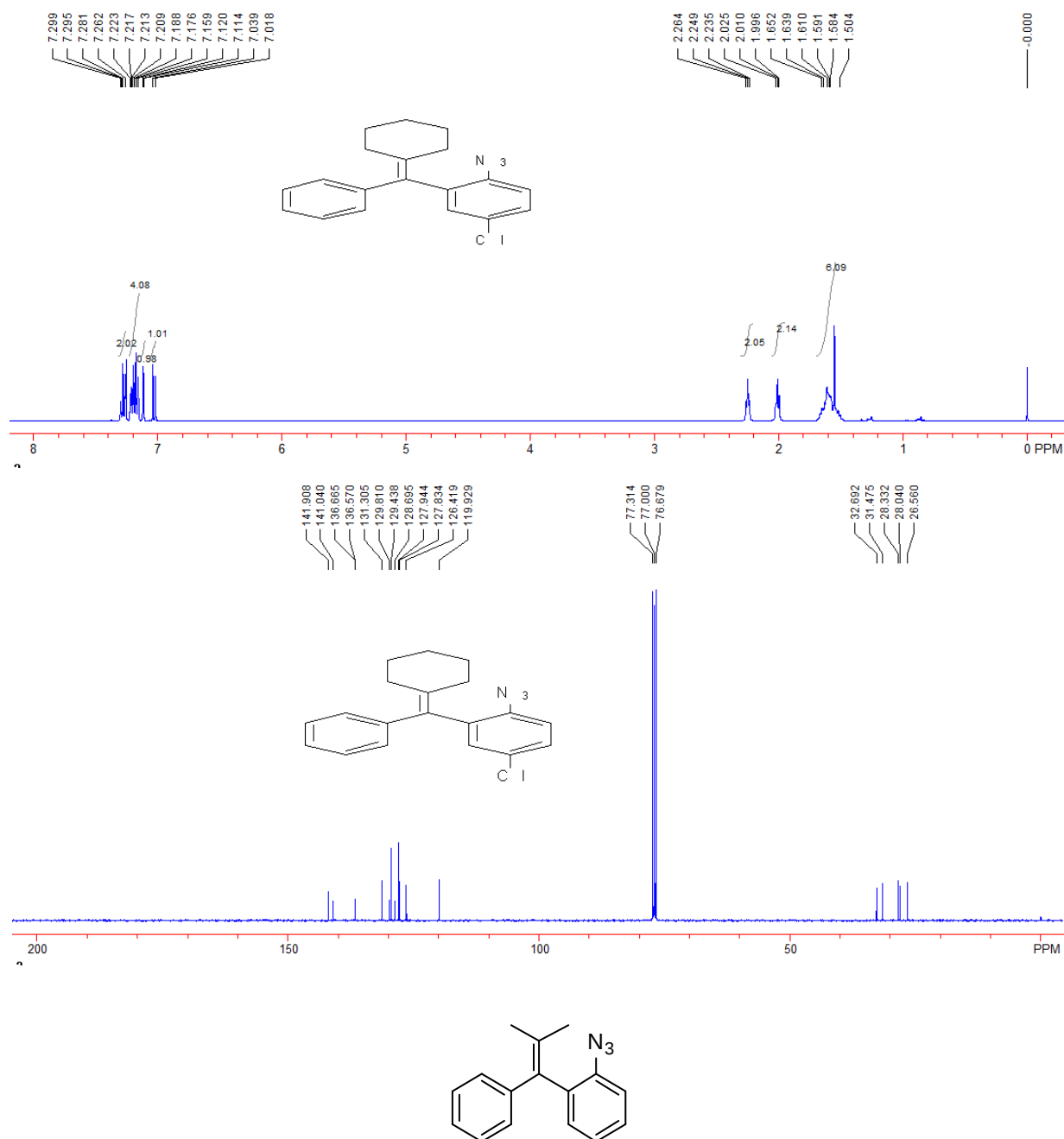
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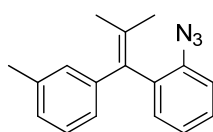
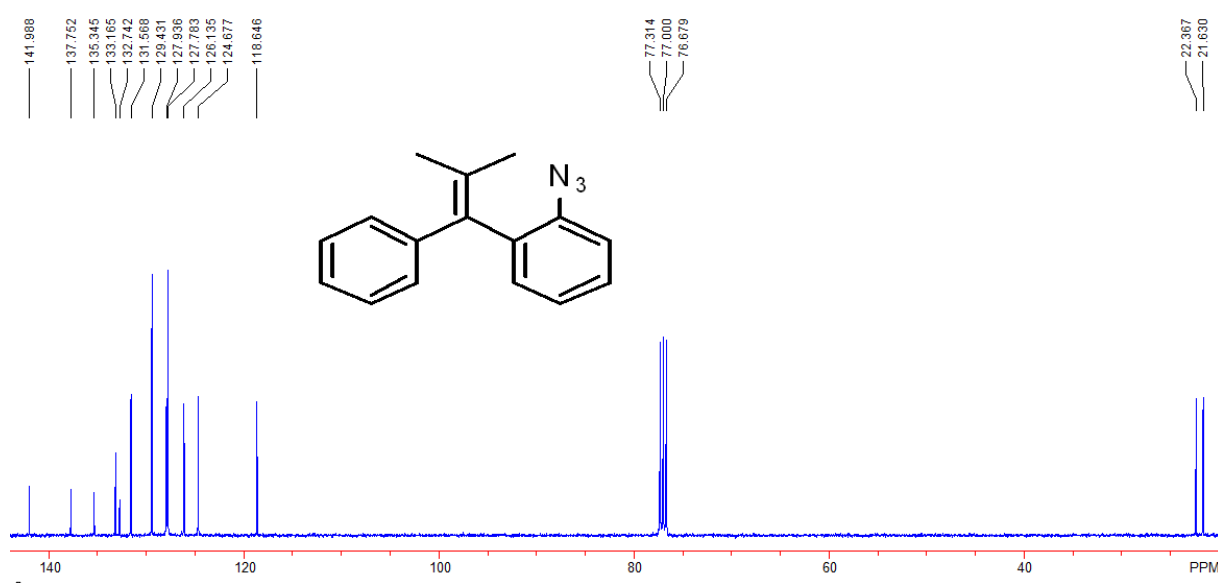
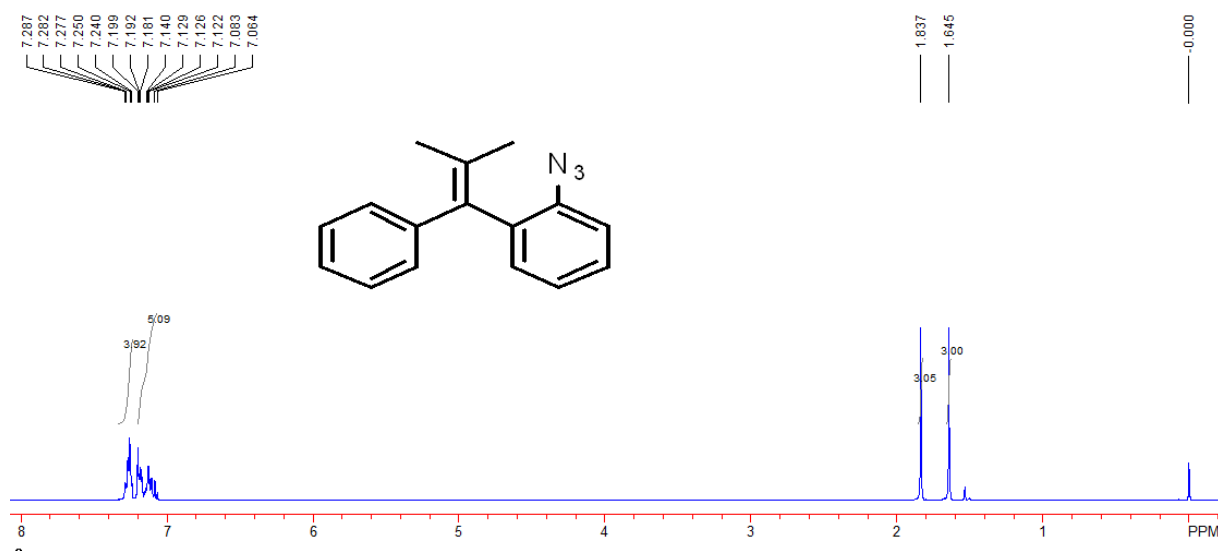
Compound 3j: 286 mg, 78%, A yellow solid, m.p. 91-93 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 2926, 2852, 2119, 2084, 1483, 1290, 750 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.48-1.67 (m, 6H), 2.00 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.05 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.08-7.12 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 26.6, 28.1, 28.4, 31.5, 32.7, 118.7, 120.1, 124.7, 128.1, 128.8, 130.9, 131.2, 131.5, 134.5, 137.9, 140.6, 141.7; MS (EI) m/z (%): 339 (100.0) [M-N₂⁺], 341 (98.0), 310 (39.5), 285 (23.1), 260 (20.9), 230 (37.7), 217 (51.5), 204 (75.7); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈NBr (M-N₂⁺) requires 339.0623, found: 339.0626.



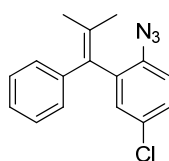
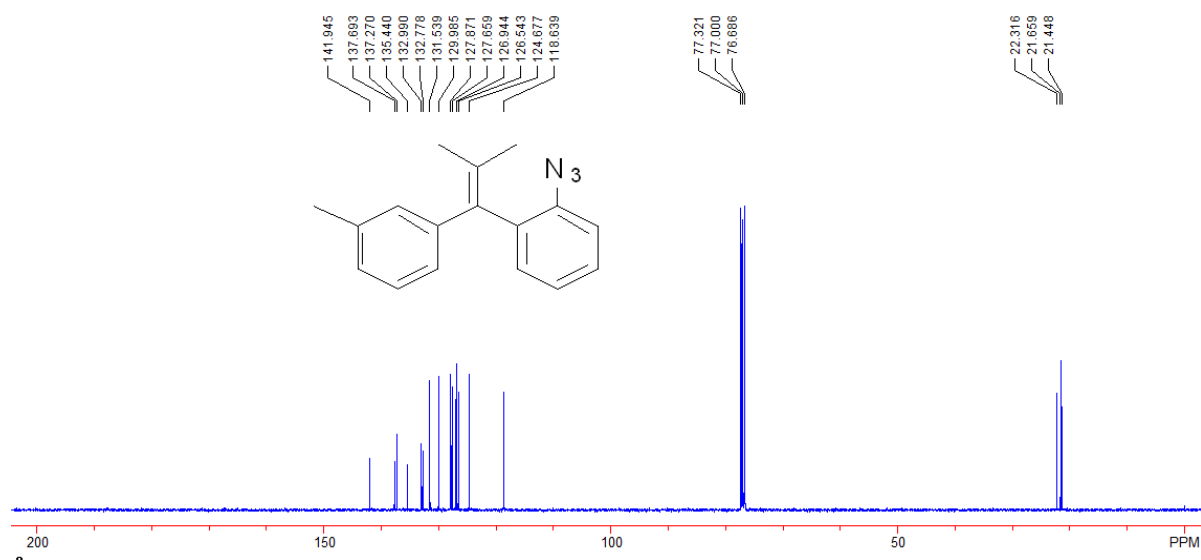
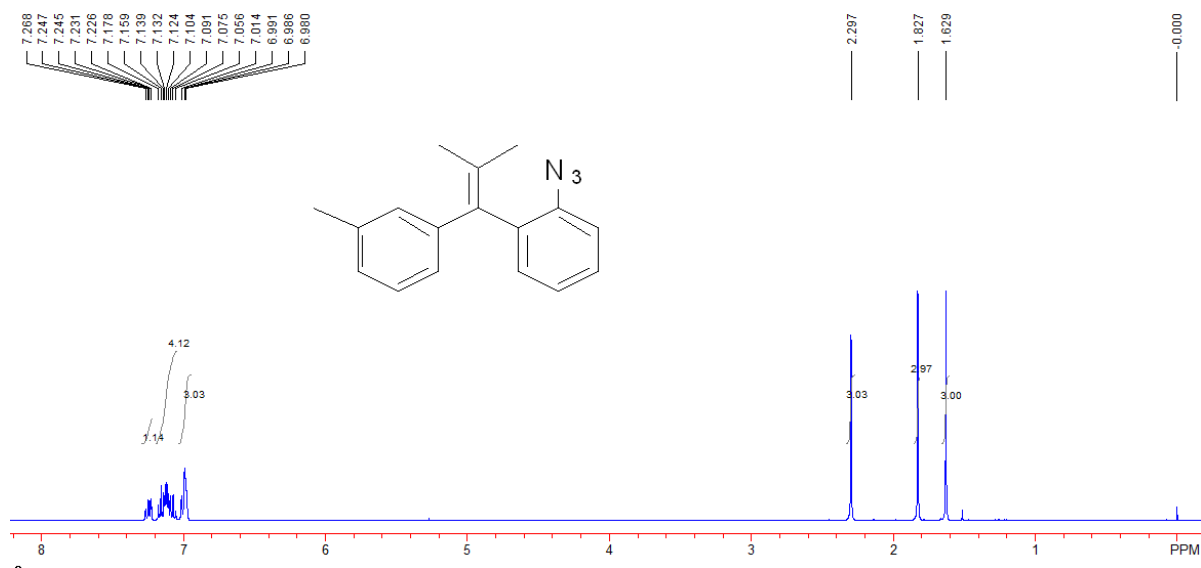
Compound 3k: 165 mg, 51%, A yellow solid, m.p. 77-79 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 2927, 2853, 2124, 2094, 1479, 1297, 807 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.50-1.65 (m, 6H), 2.01 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.22 (m, 4H), 7.26-7.30 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 26.6, 28.0, 28.3, 31.5, 32.7, 119.9, 126.4, 127.8, 127.9, 128.7, 129.4, 129.8, 131.3, 136.6, 136.7, 141.0, 141.9; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 295 (100.0) [M-N₂⁺], 294 (46.3), 266 (49.0), 254 (18.6), 240 (31.4), 230 (22.1), 205 (27.1), 190 (15.7); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈NCI (M-N₂⁺) requires 295.1128, found: 295.1125.



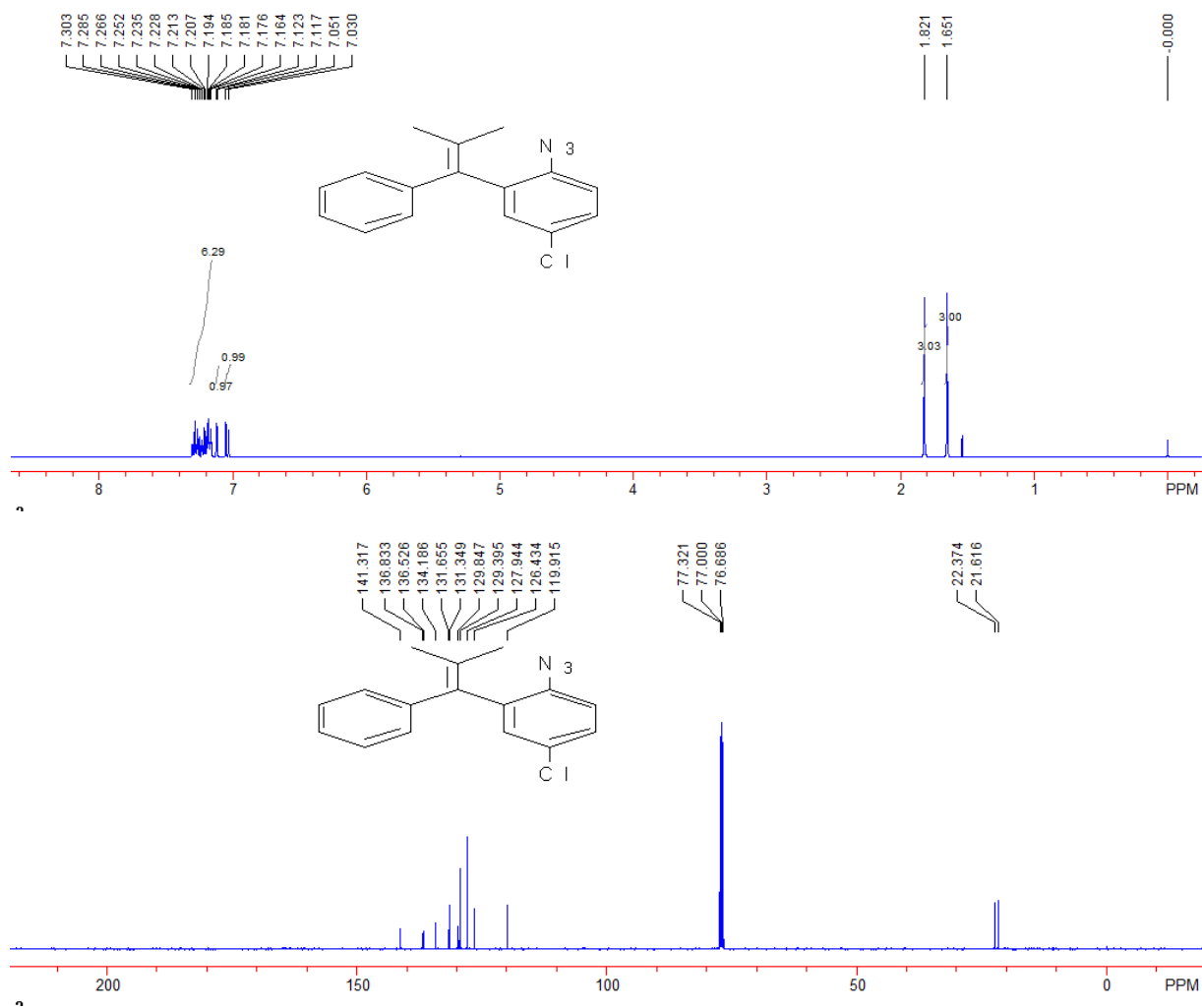
Compound 3l: 167 mg, 67%, A yellow solid, m.p. 45-47 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3018, 2910, 2121, 2086, 1487, 1288, 751 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.84 (s, 3H), 7.06-7.20 (m, 5H), 7.24-7.29 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 21.6, 22.4, 118.6, 124.7, 126.1, 127.8, 127.9, 129.4, 131.6, 132.7, 133.2, 135.3, 137.8, 142.0; MS (EI) m/z (%): 221 (100.0) [M-N₂⁺], 220 (77.0), 206 (57.2), 204 (28.7), 178 (23.9), 165 (42.3), 152 (9.0), 115 (7.8); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅N (M-N₂⁺) requires 221.1204, found: 221.1205.



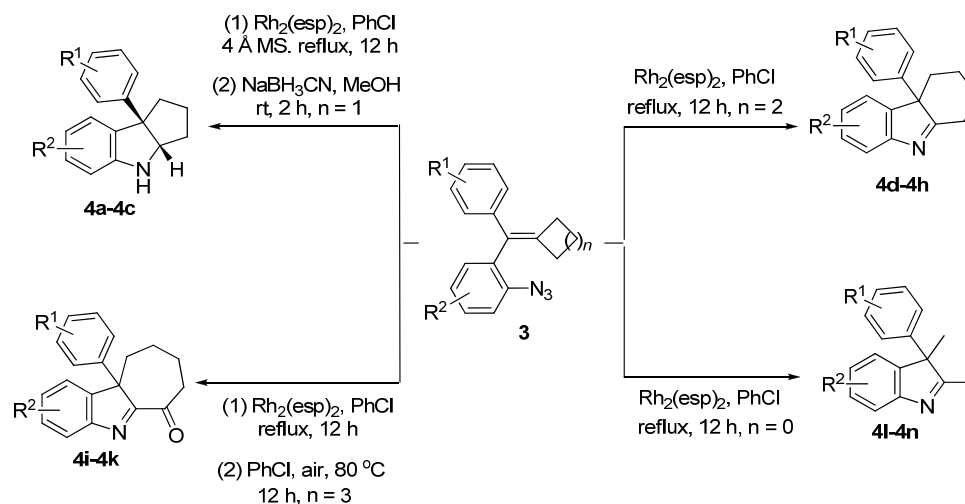
Compound 3m: 200 mg, 76%, A yellow liquid; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3020, 2910, 2119, 2082, 1572, 1483, 1282, 750 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.63 (s, 3H), 1.83 (s, 3H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 6.98-7.01 (m, 3H), 7.06-7.18 (m, 4H), 7.23-7.27 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 21.4, 21.7, 22.3, 118.6, 124.7, 126.5, 126.9, 127.7, 127.9, 130.0, 131.5, 132.8, 133.0, 135.4, 137.3, 137.7, 141.9; MS (EI) m/z (%): 235 (100.0) [M-N₂⁺], 234 (74.0), 220 (55.5), 218 (17.4), 2.4 (30.0), 179 (31.5), 165 (8.4), 152 (8.3); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇N (M-N₂⁺) requires 235.1361, found: 235.1366.



Compound 3n: 224 mg, 79%, A yellow solid, m.p. 63-65 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3020, 2910, 2118, 2082, 1573, 1483, 1283, 750 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.65 (s, 3H), 1.82 (s, 3H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.16-7.30 (m, 6H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 21.6, 22.4, 119.9, 126.4, 127.9, 129.4, 129.8, 131.3, 131.7, 134.2, 136.5, 136.8, 141.3; MS (EI) *m/z* (%): 255 (100.0) [M-N₂⁺], 254 (71.3), 218 (15.7), 204 (46.3), 178 (50.1), 152 (10.9), 115 (10.3), 102 (13.4); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₄NCl (M-N₂⁺) requires 255.0815, found: 255.0817.

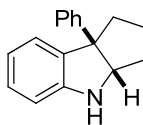


General procedure for the synthesis of compounds 4

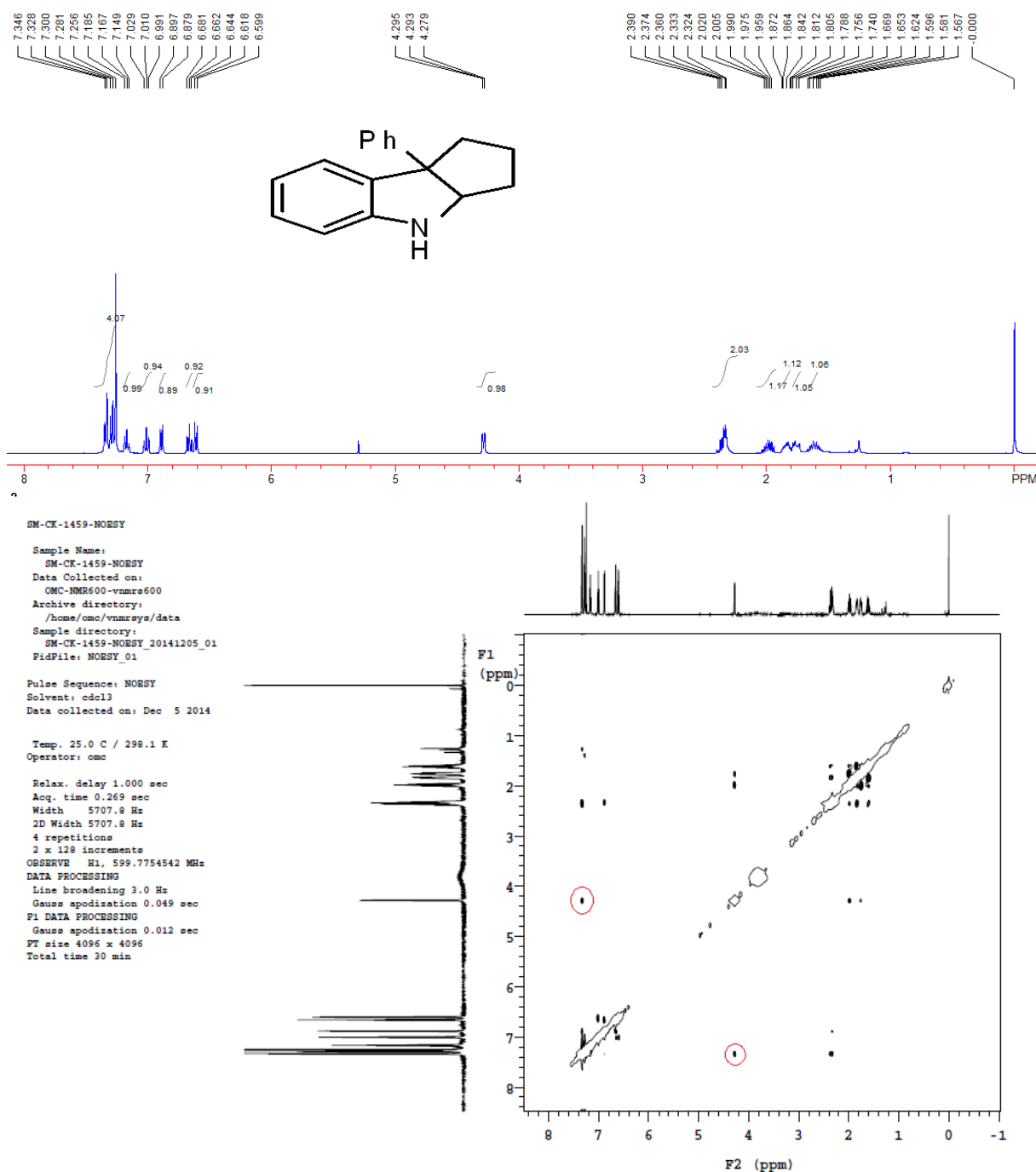


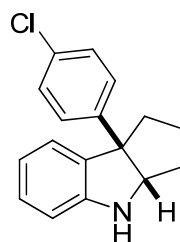
A solution of compound **3** (0.1 mmol) and $\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2$ (3.8 mg, 0.005 mmol) in dry chlorobenzene (0.5 mL) was stirred at 130 °C for 12 h. Afterwards, when $n = 1$, NaBH_3CN (31 mg, 0.5 mmol) in MeOH (1 mL) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for another 2 h. When $n = 3$, the mixture was stirred in air 80 °C for another 12 h. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 10 / 1) to afford the product in moderate to high yield.

Spectroscopic data for all products 4

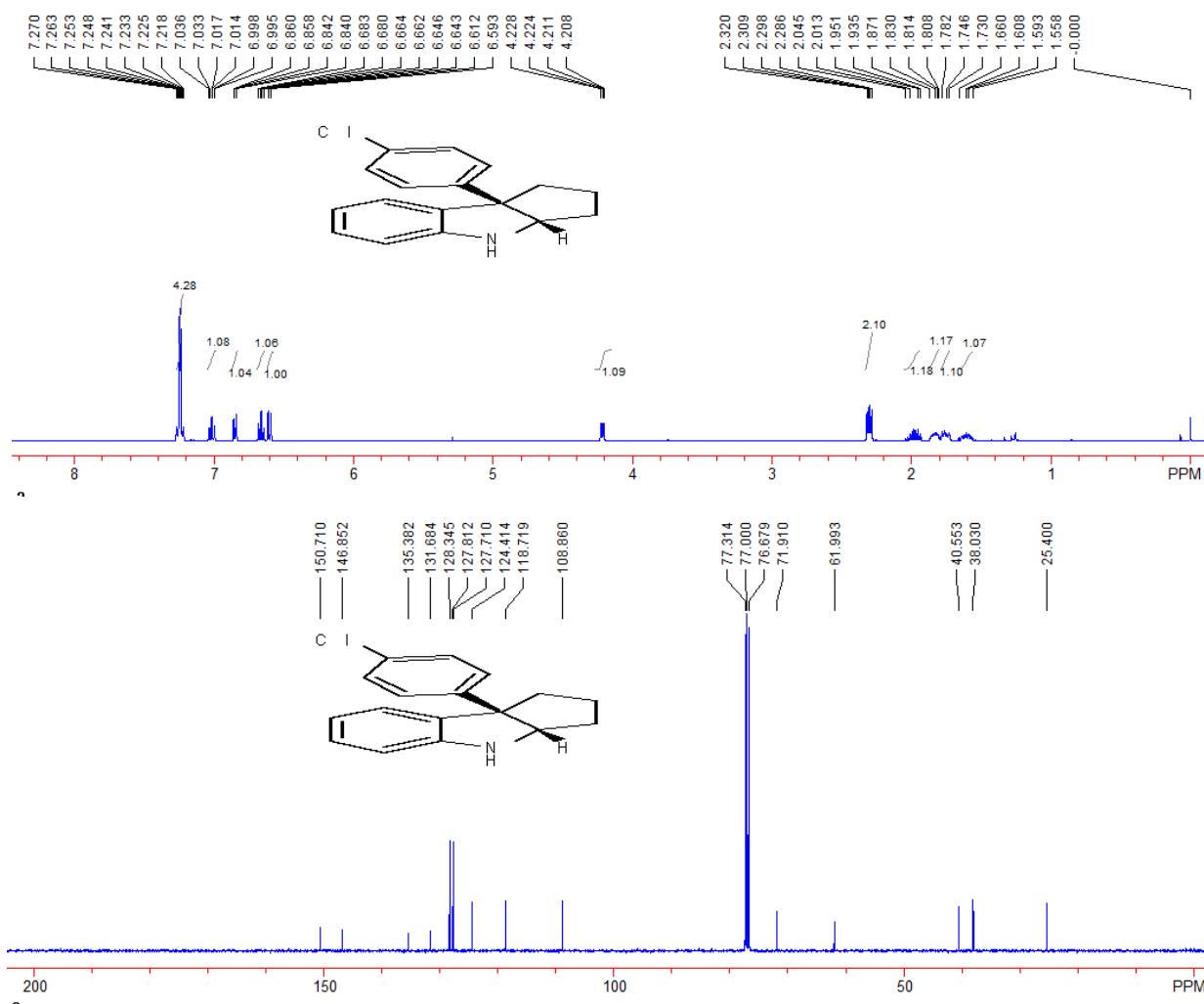


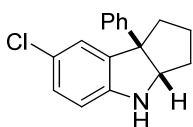
Compound 4a: 14 mg, 60%, A known compound;^[4] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS): δ 1.57-1.76 (m, 1H), 1.79-1.81 (m, 1H), 1.84-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.96-2.02 (m, 1H), 2.32-2.39 (m, 2H), 4.28-4.30 (m, 1H), 6.61 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 6.66 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.89 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.35 (m, 4H).



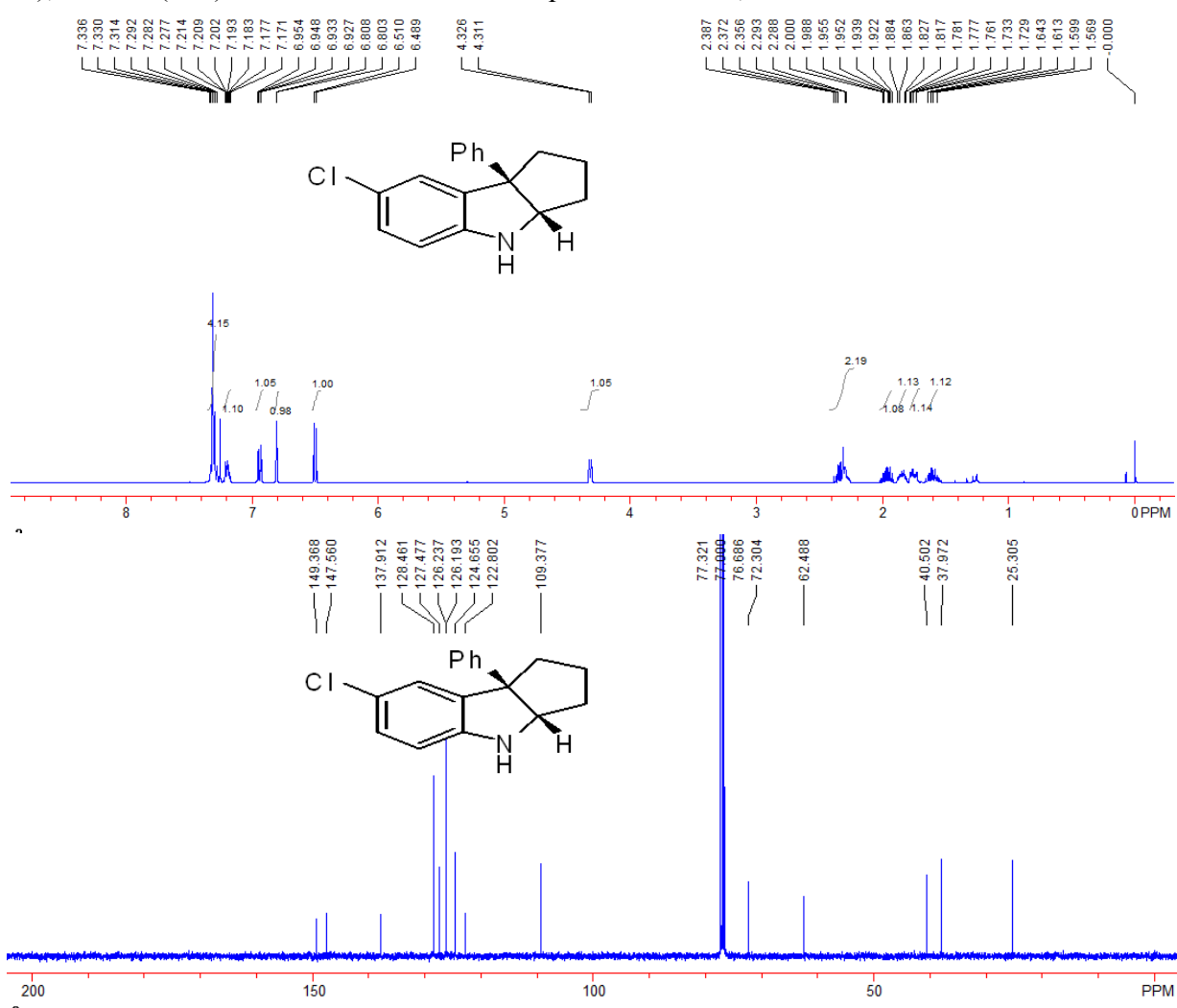


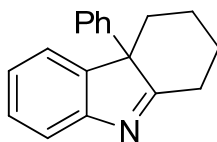
Compound 4b: 16 mg, 59%, A red liquid; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3398, 2950, 2865, 1603, 1483, 1258, 1092, 741 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.56-1.66 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.81-1.87 (m, 1H), 1.94-2.05 (m, 1H), 2.29-2.32 (m, 2H), 4.21-4.23 (m, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (ddd, $J_1 = J_2 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, $J_1 = 7.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 0.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.01 (ddd, $J_1 = J_2 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.27 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 25.4, 38.0, 40.6, 62.0, 71.9, 108.9, 118.7, 124.4, 127.7, 127.8, 128.3, 131.7, 135.4, 146.9, 150.7; MS (ESI) m/z : 270.1 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇ClN⁺ requires 270.1044, found: 270.1054.



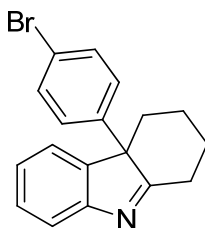
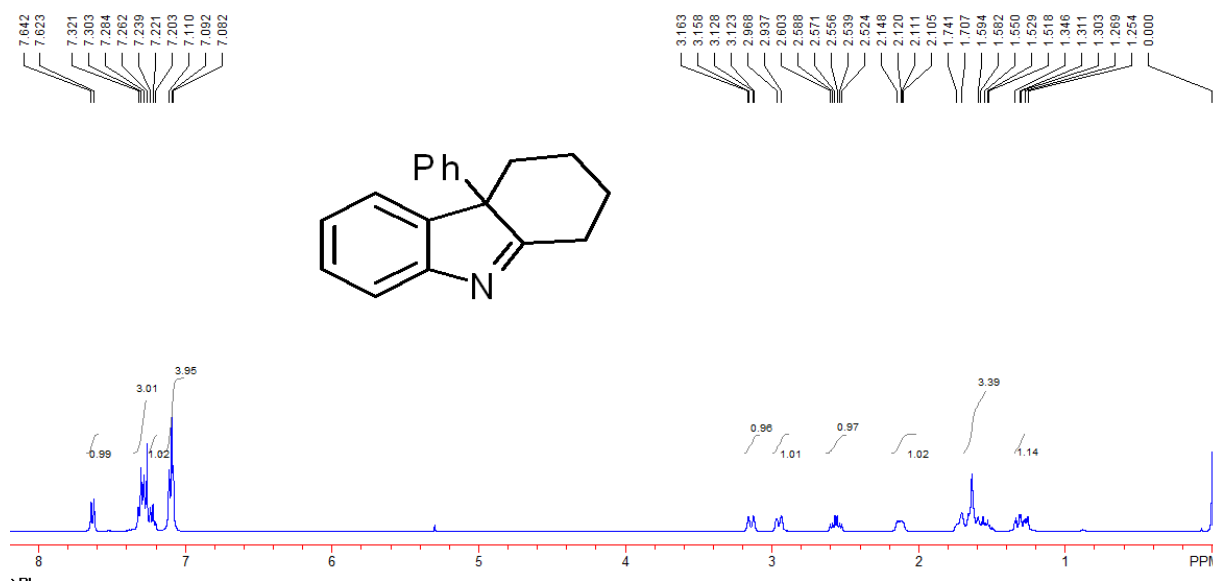


Compound 4c: 16 mg, 60%, A red liquid; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3408, 2951, 2867, 1600, 1480, 1427, 1260, 700 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.57-1.64 (m, 1H), 1.73-1.78 (m, 1H), 1.82-1.88 (m, 1H), 1.92-2.00 (m, 1H), 2.29-2.39 (m, 2H), 4.32 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.50 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (dd, J_1 = 8.4 Hz, J_2 = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.17-7.21 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.34 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 25.3, 38.0, 40.5, 62.5, 72.3, 109.4, 122.8, 124.7, 126.19; 126.24, 127.5, 128.5, 137.9, 147.6, 149.4; MS (ESI) m/z : 270.1 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₇H₁₇ClN⁺ requires 270.1044, found: 270.1052.

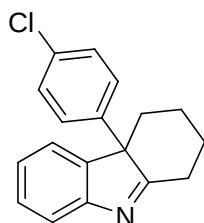
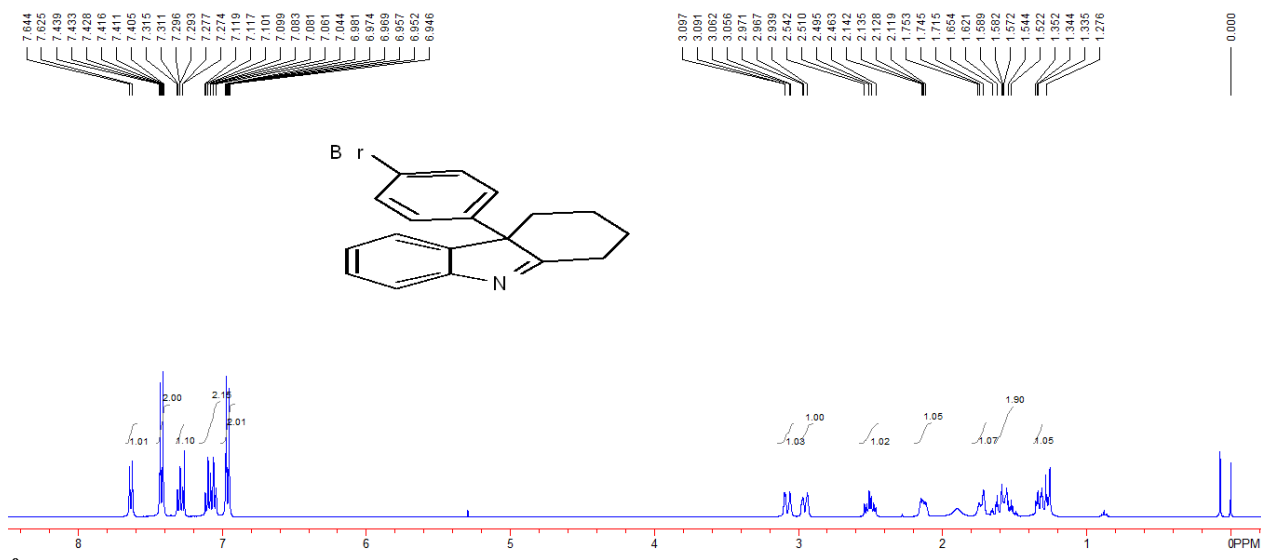




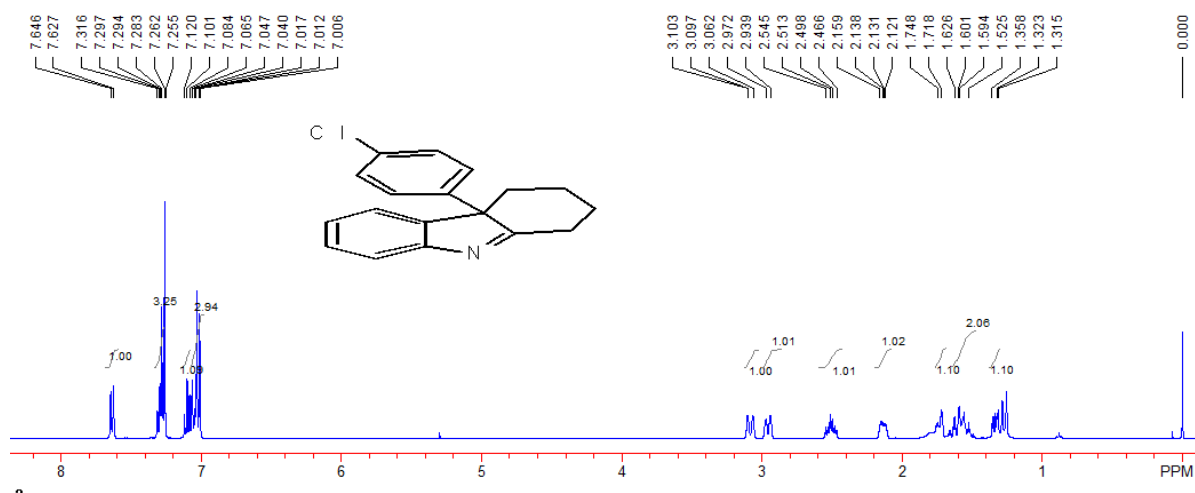
Compound 4d: 18 mg, 73%, A known compound,^[4] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS): δ 1.25-1.35 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.74 (m, 3H), 2.11-2.15 (m, 1H), 2.52-2.60 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.97 (m, 1H), 3.14 (dd, $J_1 = 14.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.11 (m, 4H), 7.20-7.24 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.63 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H).

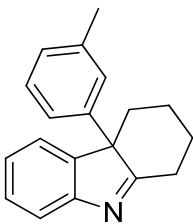


Compound 4e: 20 mg, 62%, A known compound,^[4] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS): δ 1.28-1.35 (m, 1H), 1.52-1.65 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.75 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.14 (m, 1H), 2.46-2.54 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.97 (m, 1H), 3.08 (dd, $J_1 = 14.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.95-6.98 (m, 2H), 7.04-7.12 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.41-7.44 (m, 2H), 7.63 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H).

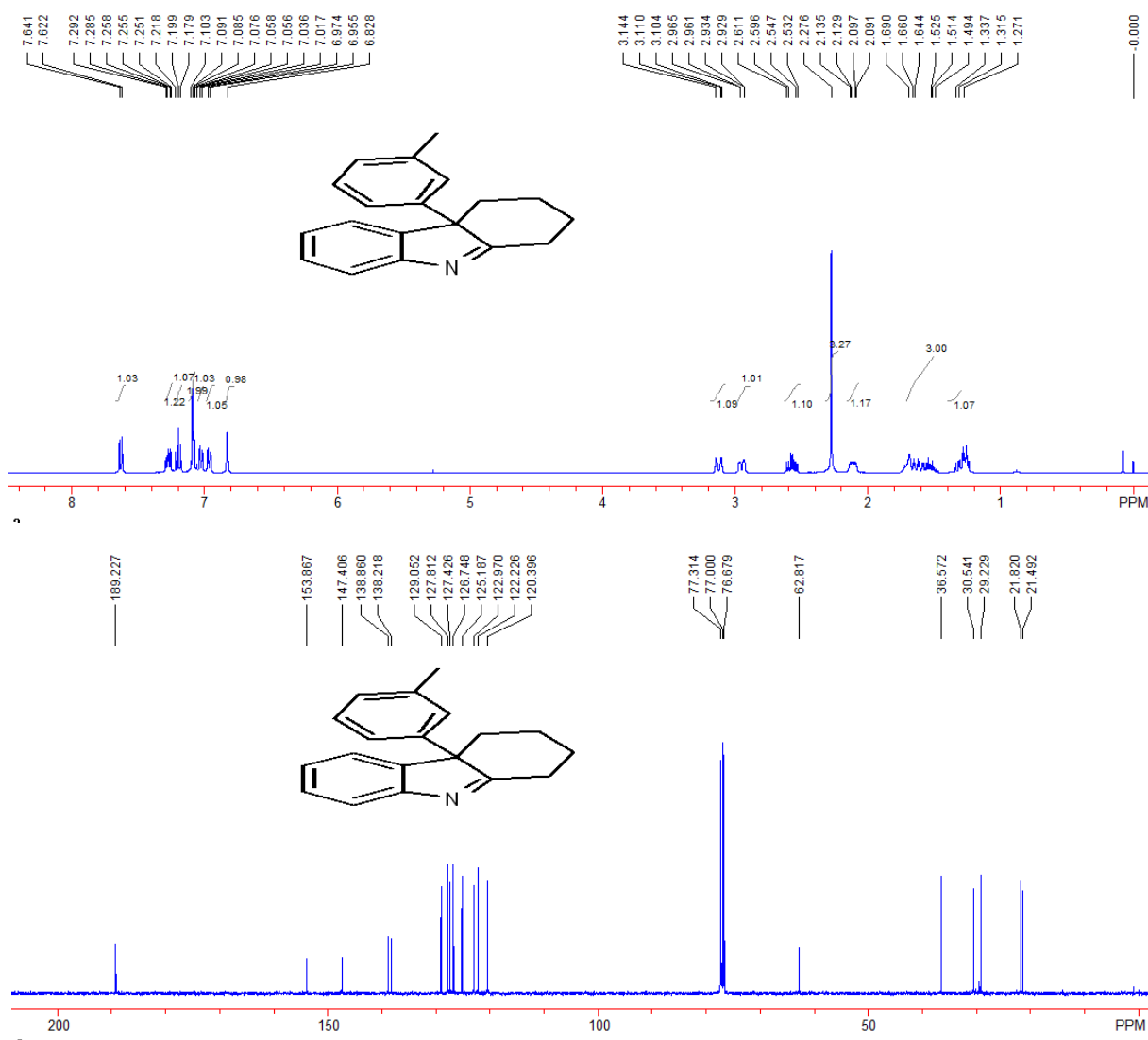


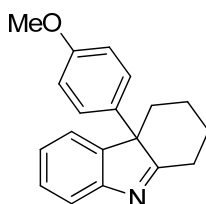
Compound 4f: 19 mg, 68%, A known compound;^[4] ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.32-1.36 (m, 1H), 1.53-1.63 (m, 2H), 1.72-1.75 (m, 1H), 2.12-2.16 (m, 1H), 2.47-2.55 (m, 1H), 2.94-2.97 (m, 1H), 3.06-3.10 (m, 1H), 7.01-7.05 (m, 3H), 7.07-7.12 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.32 (m, 3H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H).



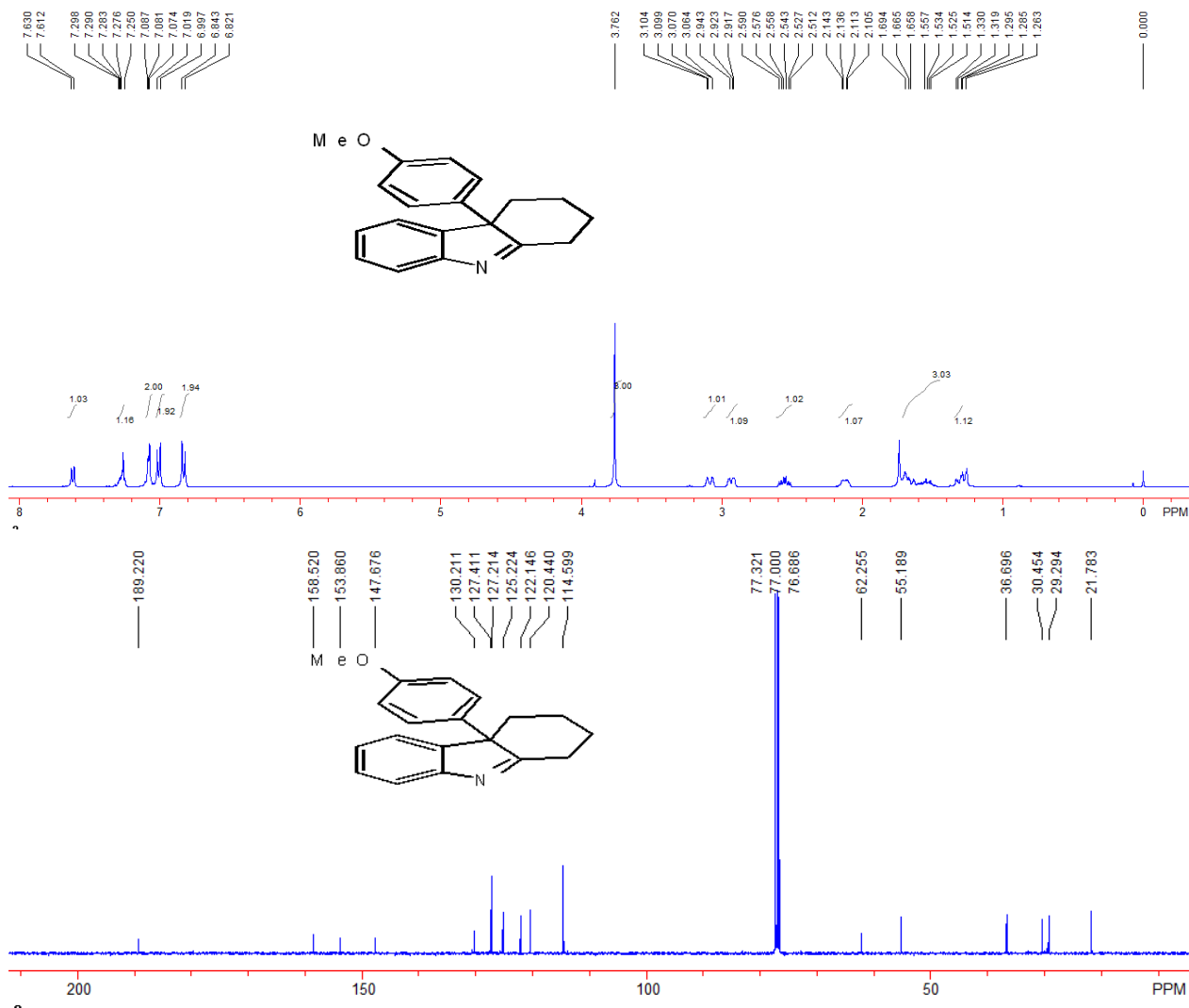


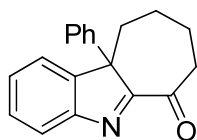
Compound 4g: 21 mg, 80%, A yellow solid, m.p. 78-80 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3041 2934, 2858, 1581, 1450, 768, 701 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.27-1.34 (m, 1H), 1.49-1.69 (m, 3H), 2.09-2.14 (m, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.53-2.61 (m, 1H), 2.93-2.97 (m, 1H), 3.10-3.14 (m, 1H), 6.83 (s, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.06-7.10 (m, 2H), 7.20 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.25-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.63 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 21.5, 21.8, 29.2, 30.5, 36.6, 62.8, 120.4, 122.2, 123.0, 125.2; 126.7, 127.4, 127.8, 129.1, 138.2, 138.9, 147.4, 153.9, 189.2; MS (ESI) m/z : 262.2 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀N⁺ requires 262.1590, found: 262.1600.



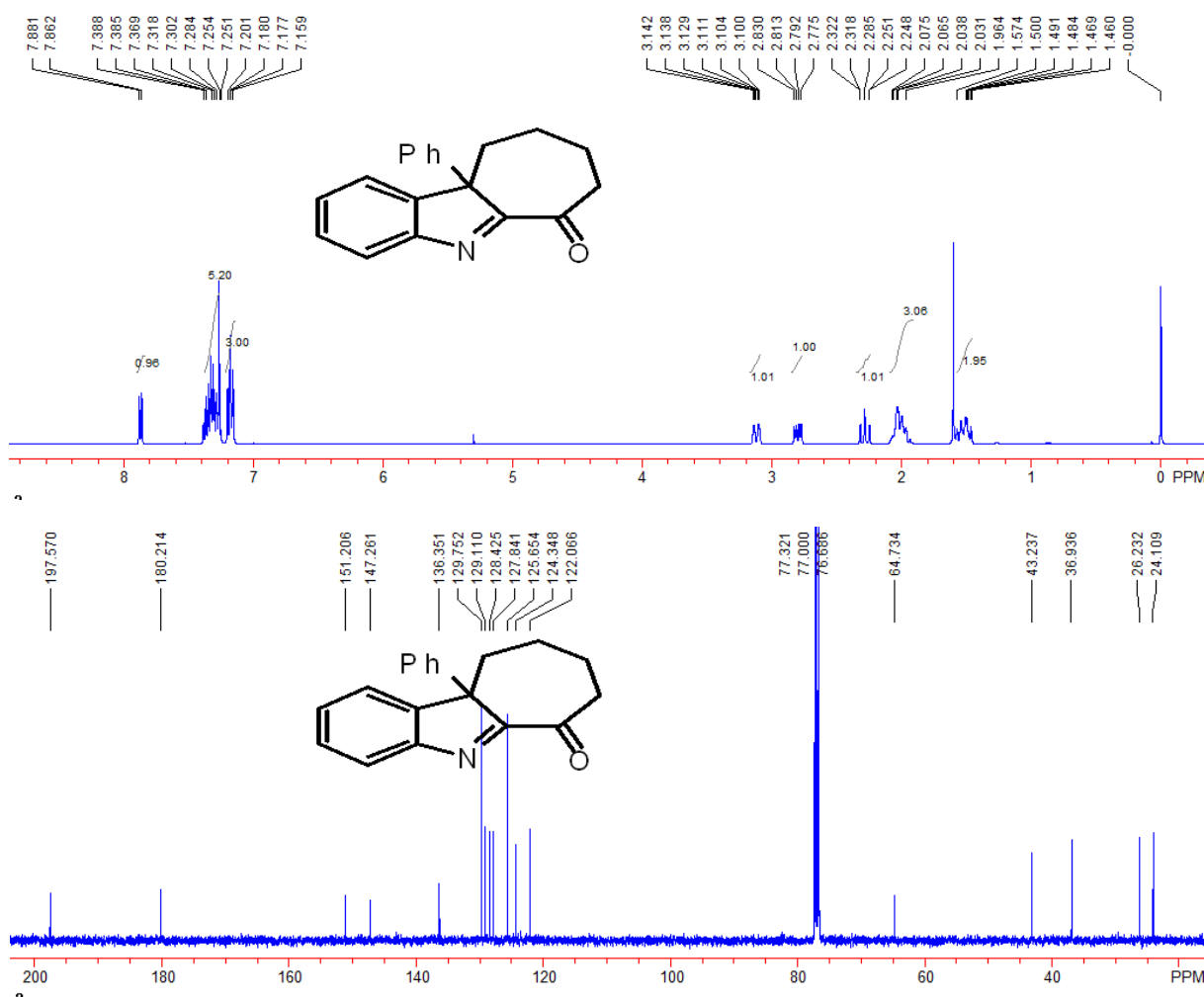


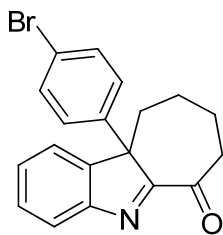
Compound 4h: 20 mg, 72%, A yellow solid, m.p. 128-130 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3057 2936, 2859, 1581, 1510, 1454, 1034, 820 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.26-1.33 (m, 1H), 1.51-1.69 (m, 3H), 2.11-2.14 (m, 1H), 2.51-2.59 (m, 1H), 2.92-2.94 (m, 1H), 3.06-3.10 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 6.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 7.07-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.30 (m, 1H), 7.62 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 21.8, 29.3, 30.5, 36.7, 55.2, 62.3, 114.6, 120.4, 122.1, 125.2; 127.2, 127.4, 130.2, 147.7, 153.9, 158.5, 189.2; MS (ESI) m/z : 278.2 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₉H₂₀NO⁺ requires 278.1545, found: 278.1560.



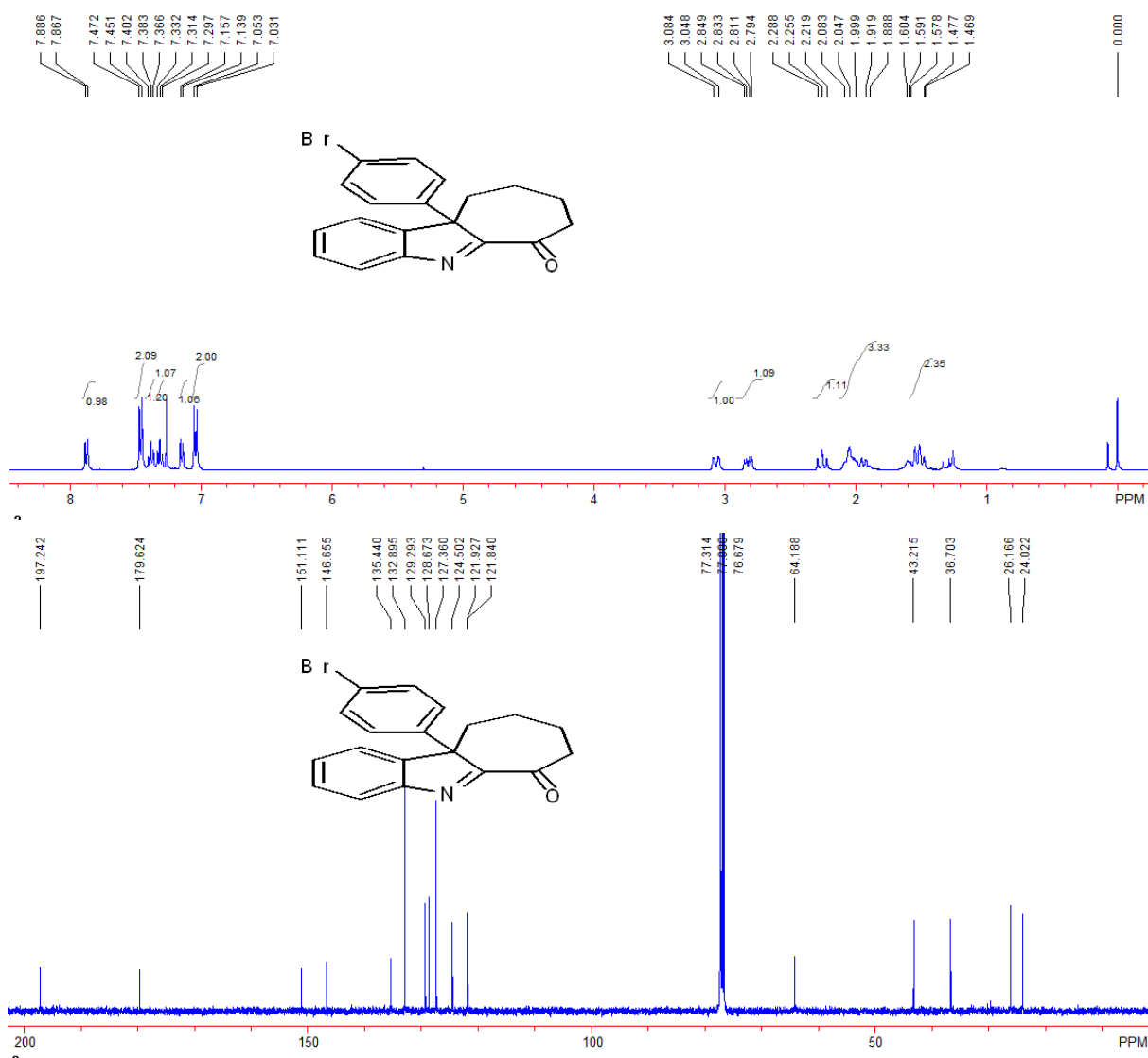


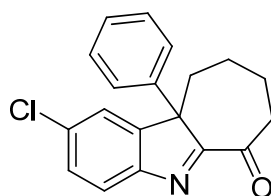
Compound 4i: 21 mg, 75%, A yellow solid, m.p. 170-172 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3060, 2931, 1692, 1526, 1451, 771 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.46-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.96-2.08 (m, 3H), 2.25-2.32 (m, 1H), 2.80 (dd, $J_1 = 15.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.10-3.14 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.20 (m, 3H), 7.25-7.39 (m, 5H), 7.87 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 24.1, 26.2, 36.9, 43.2, 64.7, 122.1, 124.3, 125.7, 127.8, 128.4, 129.1, 129.8, 136.4, 147.3, 151.2, 180.2, 197.6; MS (ESI) m/z : 276.1 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₈NO⁺ requires: 276.1383, found: 276.1386.



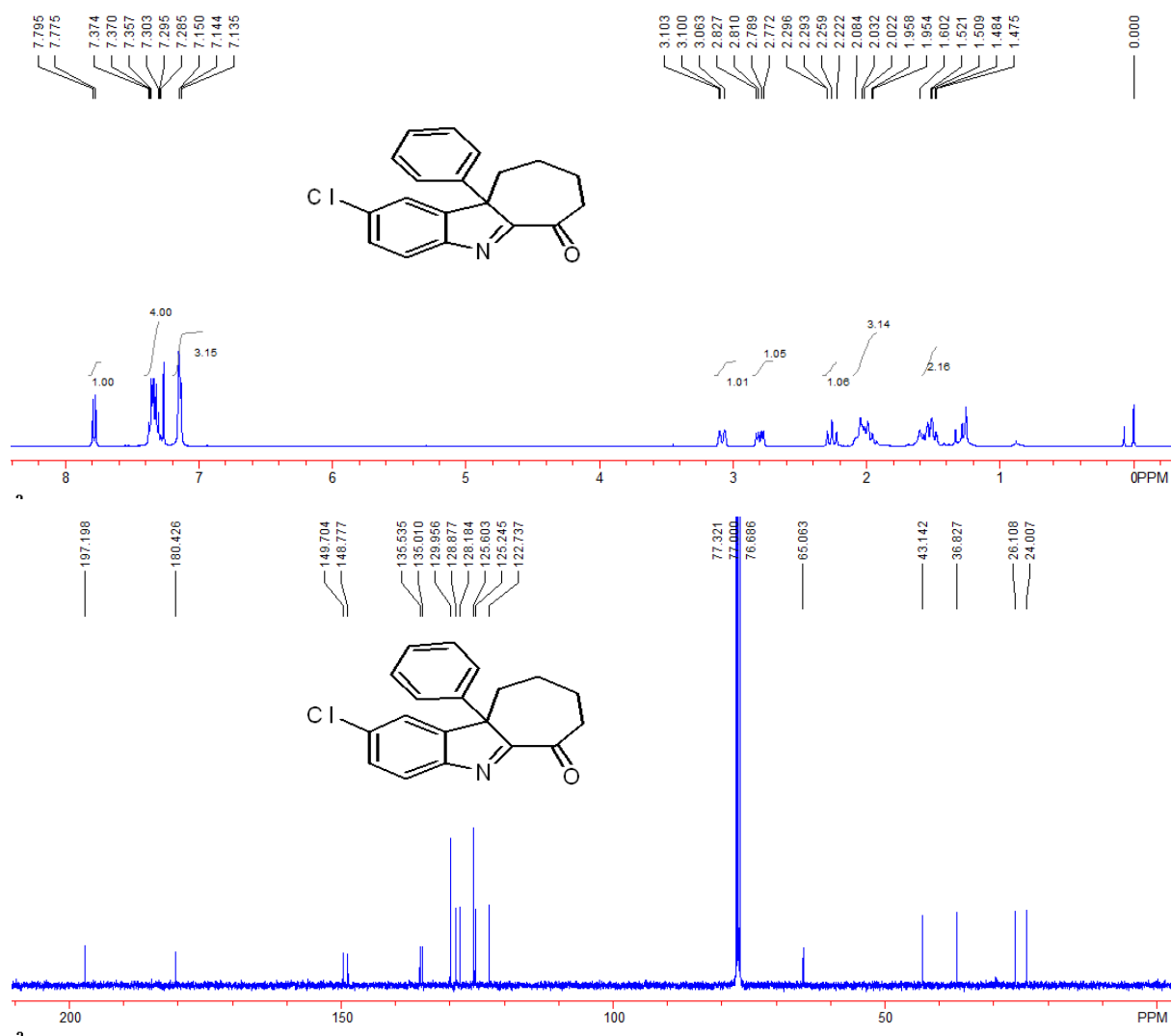


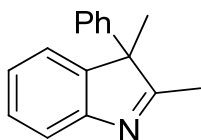
Compound 4j: 20 mg, 62%, A yellow solid, m.p. 196-198 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 2930, 2855, 1692, 1275, 1084, 1009, 750 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.47-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.89-2.08 (m, 3H), 2.22-2.29 (m, 1H), 2.82 (dd, $J_1 = 15.6$ Hz, $J_2 = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.07 (d, $J = 14.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.15 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.38 (dd, $J_1 = J_2 = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.88 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 24.0, 26.2, 36.7, 43.2, 64.2, 121.8, 121.9, 124.5, 127.4, 128.7, 129.3, 132.9, 135.4, 146.7, 151.1, 179.6, 197.2; MS (ESI) m/z : 354.1 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇BrNO⁺ requires: 354.0488, found: 354.0500.



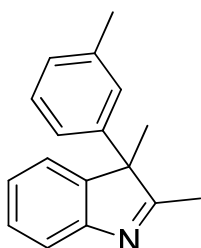
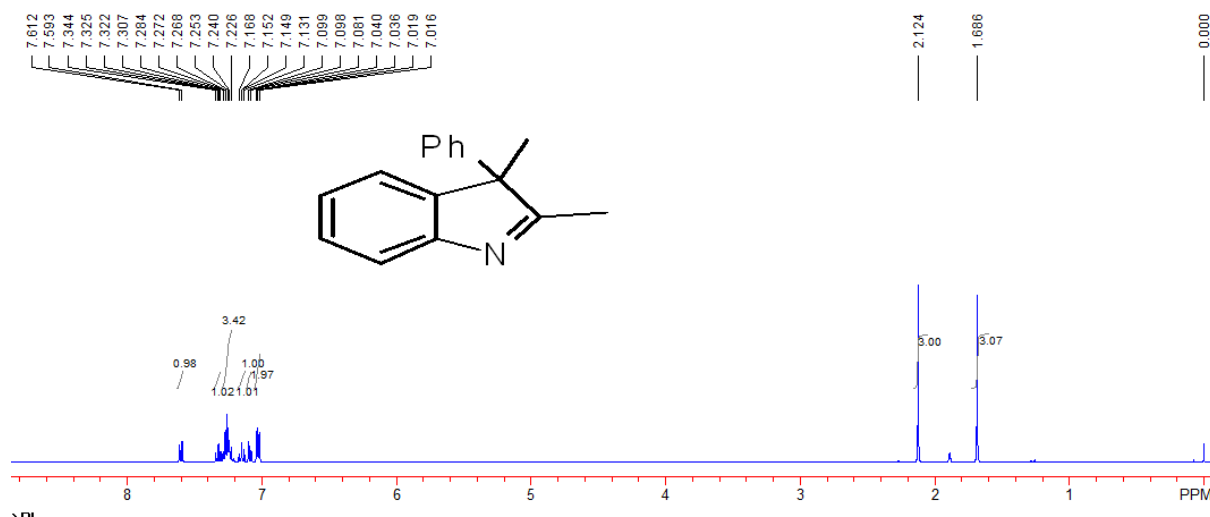


Compound 4k: 19 mg, 62%, A yellow solid, m.p. 180-182 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3057, 2930, 2855, 1691, 1065, 825, 734, 700 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.48-1.60 (m, 2H), 1.95-2.08 (m, 3H), 2.22-2.30 (m, 1H), 2.80 (dd, $J_1 = 15.2$ Hz, $J_2 = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 3.06-3.10 (m, 1H), 7.14-7.15 (m, 3H), 7.29-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 24.0, 26.1, 36.8, 43.1, 65.1, 122.7, 125.2, 125.6, 128.2, 128.9, 130.0, 135.0, 135.5, 148.8, 149.7, 180.4, 197.2; MS (ESI) m/z : 310.1 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₇ClNO⁺ requires: 310.0993, found: 310.1003.

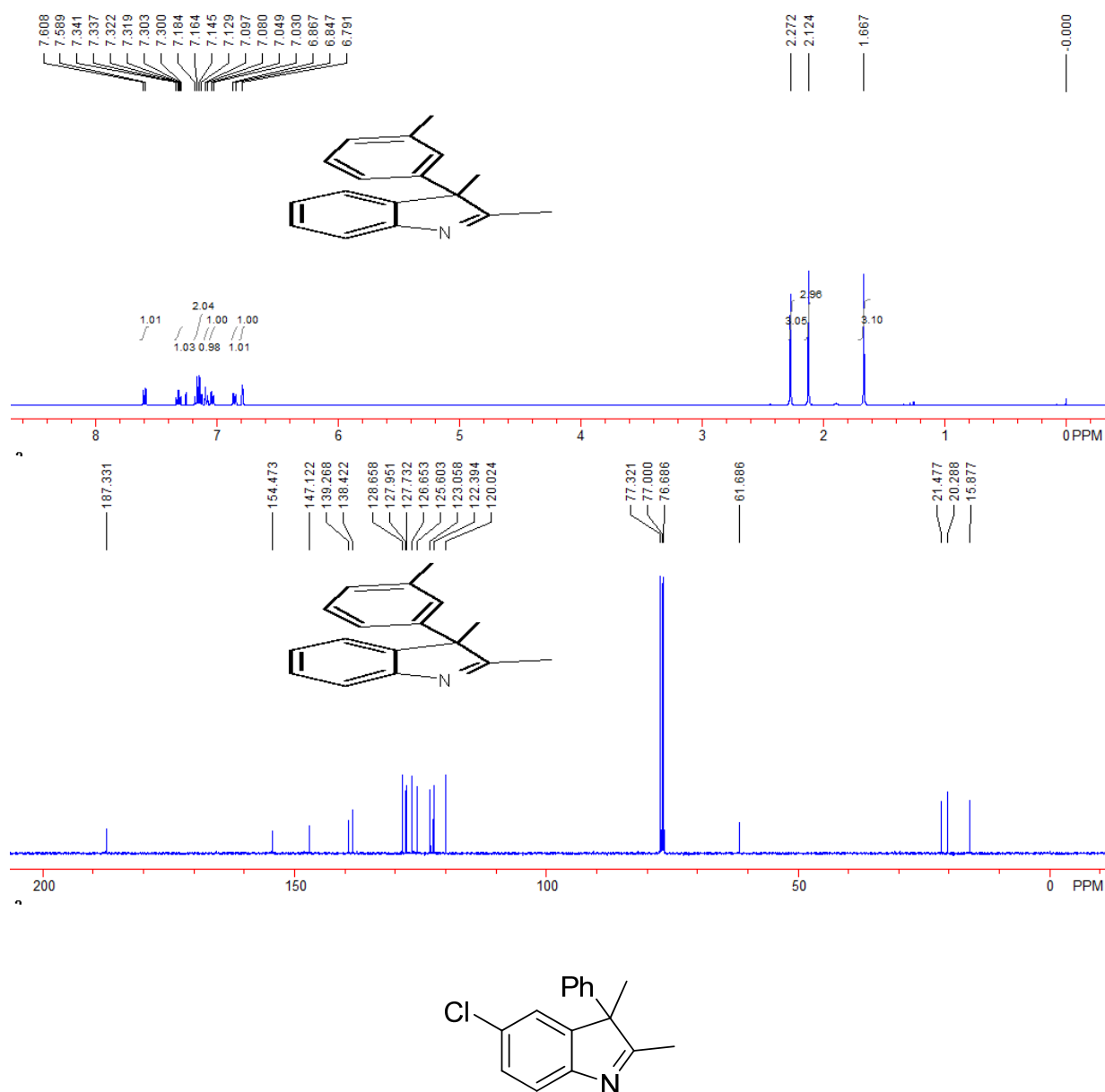




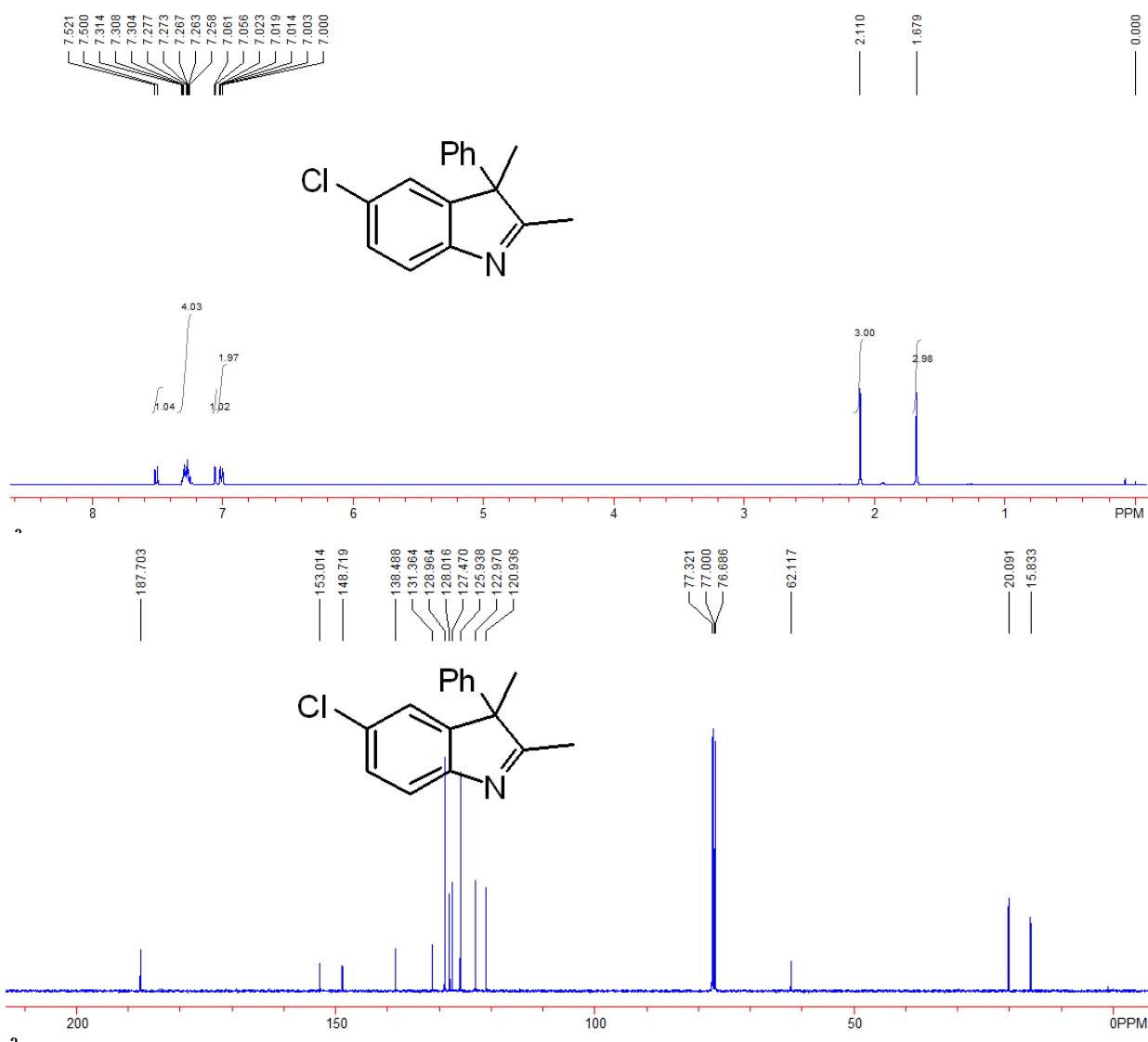
Compound 4l: 20 mg, 88%, A known compound;^[4] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS): δ 1.69 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 7.03 (dd, $J_1 = 8.0$ Hz, $J_2 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.08-7.10 (m, 1H), 7.13-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.23-7.28 (m, 3H), 7.31-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H).



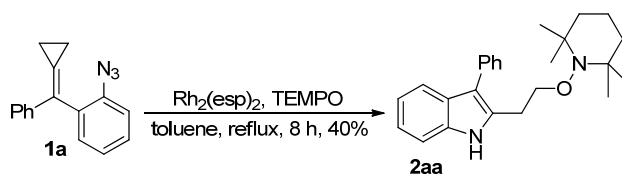
Compound 4m: 19 mg, 81%, A yellow liquid; IR (CH_2Cl_2): ν 3044, 2970, 1578, 1453, 1373, 1242, 752, 702 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS): δ 1.67 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 6.79 (s, 1H), 6.86 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.09 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.32 (ddd, $J_1 = J_2 = 7.6$ Hz, $J_3 = 1.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.60 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS): δ 15.9, 20.3, 21.5, 61.7, 120.0, 122.4, 123.1, 125.6, 126.7, 127.7, 128.0, 128.7, 138.4, 139.3, 147.1, 154.5, 187.3; MS (ESI) m/z : 236.1 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}^+$ requires: 236.1434, found: 236.1433.



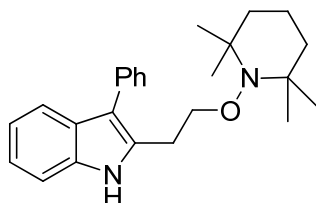
Compound 4n: 22 mg, 86%, A yellow liquid; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3060, 2971, 1578, 1450, 1374, 1239, 767, 698 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.68 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H), 7.00-7.02 (m, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.31 (m, 4H), 7.51 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 15.8, 20.1, 62.1, 120.9, 123.0, 125.9, 127.5, 128.0, 129.0, 131.4, 138.5, 148.7, 153.0, 187.7; MS (ESI) *m/z*: 256.1 (M+H⁺, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C₁₆H₁₅ClN⁺ requires: 256.0888, found: 256.0887.



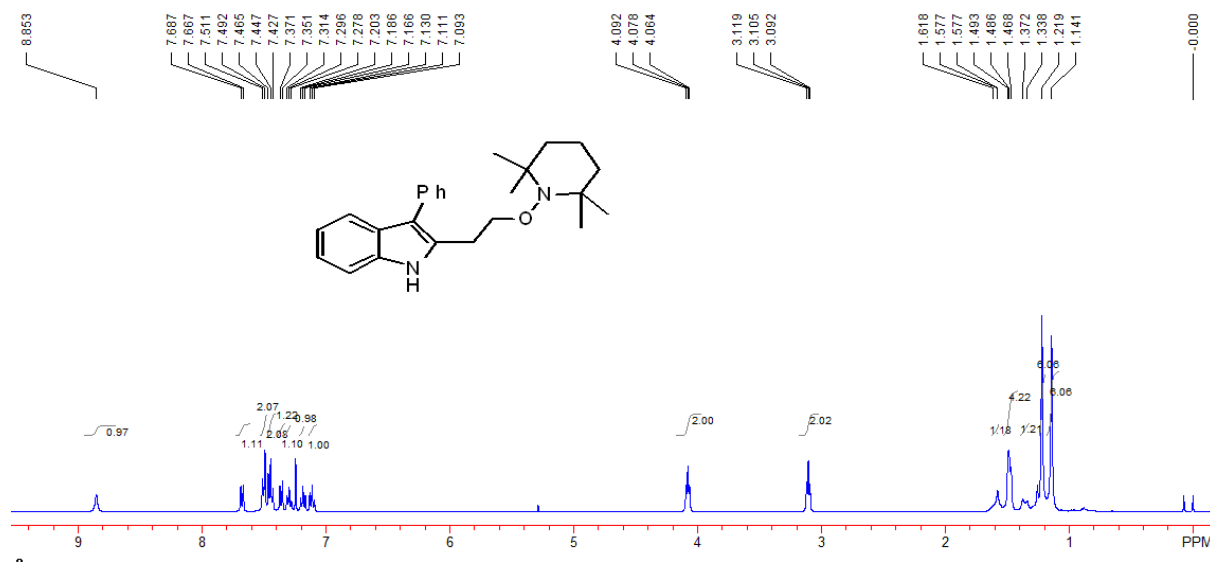
Typical procedure for the synthesis of compound 2aa

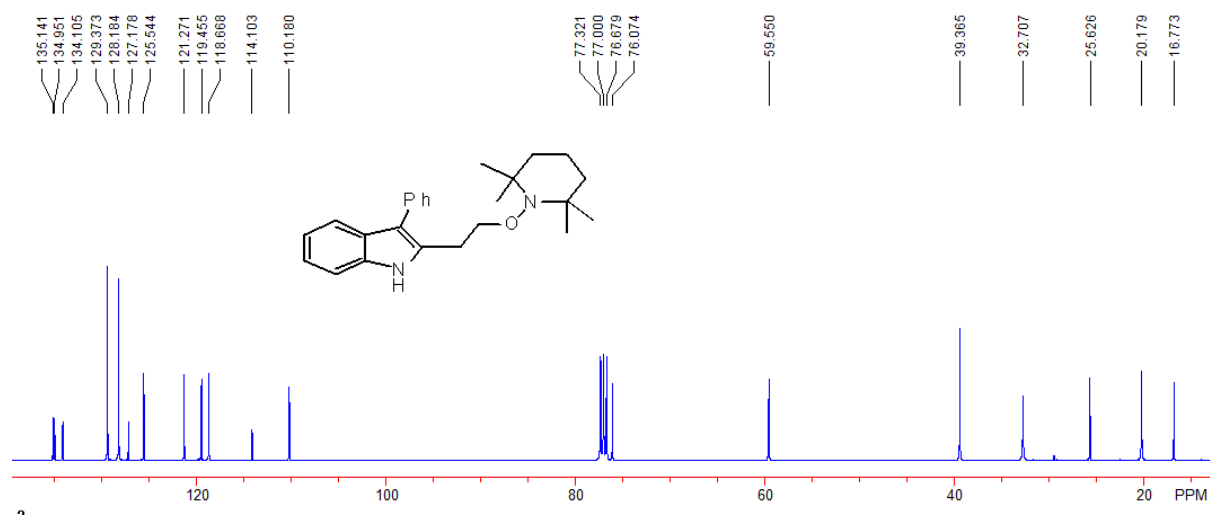


A solution of compound **1a** (0.2 mmol), TEMPO (62.4 mg, 0.4 mmol) and $\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2$ (4.5 mg, 0.006 mmol) in dry toluene (1 mL) was stirred at 110 °C for 8 h. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 30 / 1) to afford the product **2aa** in 40% yield.

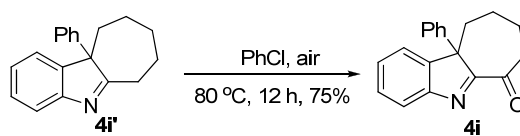


Compound 2aa: 30 mg, 40%, A yellow liquid; IR (CH_2Cl_2): ν 3416, 2926, 1602, 1458, 1359, 1045, 741, 701 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS): δ 1.14 (s, 6H), 1.22 (s, 6H), 1.34-1.37 (m, 1H), 1.47-1.49 (m, 4H), 1.58-1.62 (m, 1H), 3.11 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.08 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.09-7.13 (m, 1H), 7.17-7.20 (m, 1H), 7.28-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.36 (d, 1H, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.43-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.50 (d, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 1H), 8.85 (s, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3 , TMS): δ 16.8, 20.2, 25.6, 32.7, 39.4, 59.6, 76.1, 110.2, 114.1, 118.7, 119.5, 121.3, 125.5, 127.2, 128.2, 129.4, 134.1, 135.0, 135.1; MS (ESI) m/z : 377.3 ($\text{M}+\text{H}^+$, 100); HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{33}\text{N}_2\text{O}^+$ requires: 377.2587, found: 377.2592.

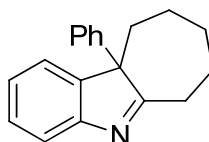




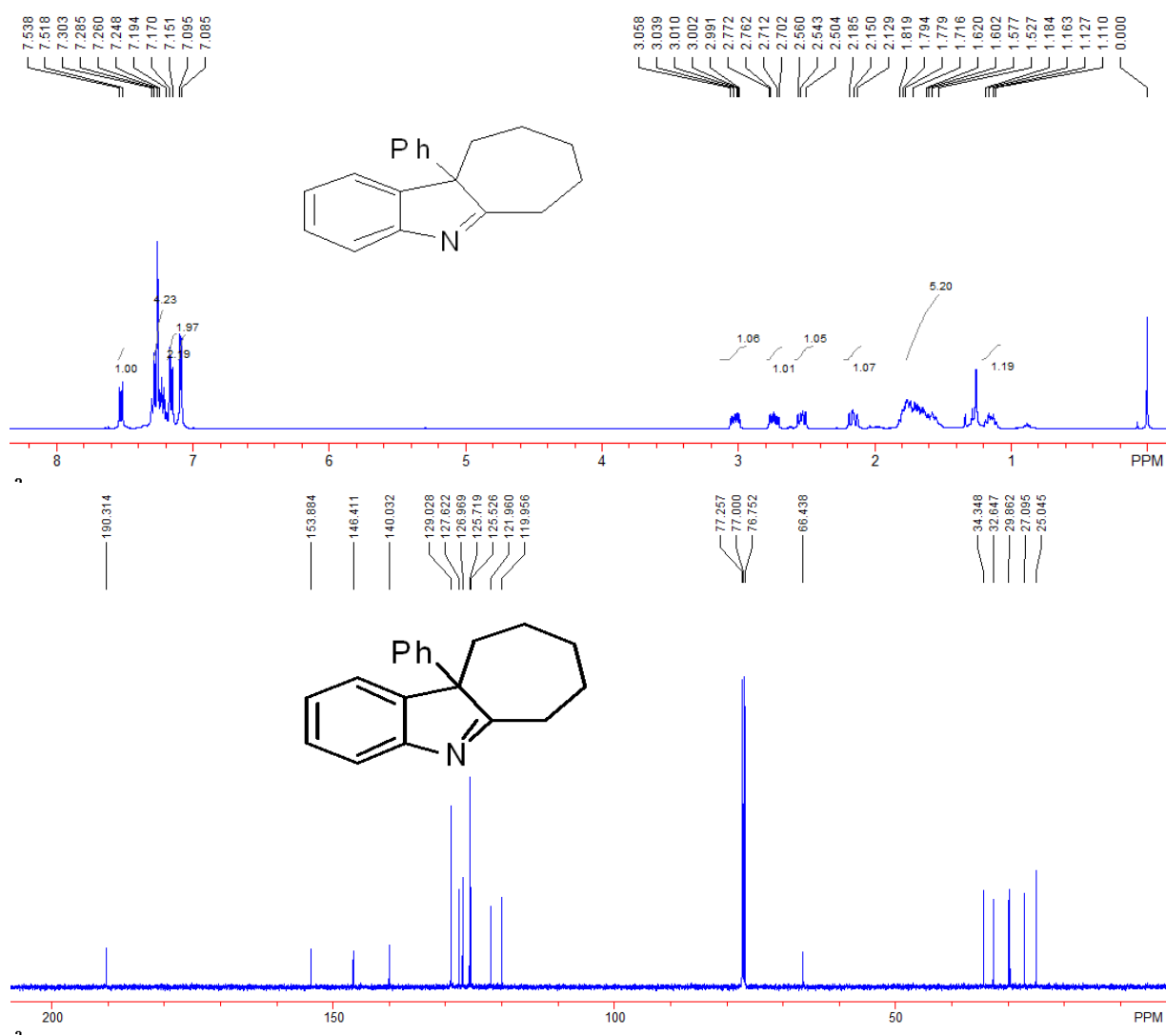
Transformation of compound **4i'**



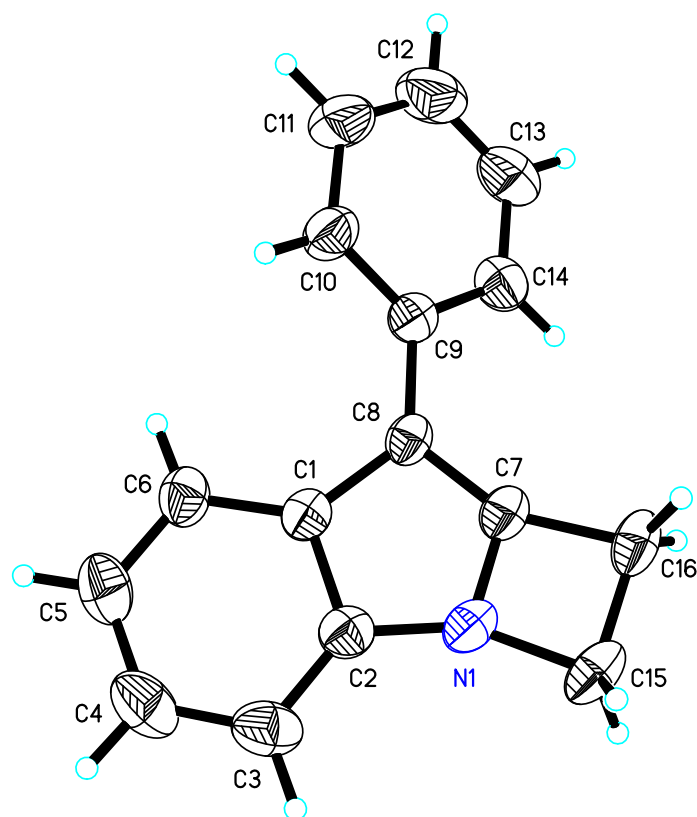
Compound **4i'** (26 mg, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in dry PhCl (1.0 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred under air atmosphere at 80 °C for 12 h. Then the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography (eluent: petroleum ether / ethyl acetate = 10 / 1) to afford the product **4i** in 75% yield.



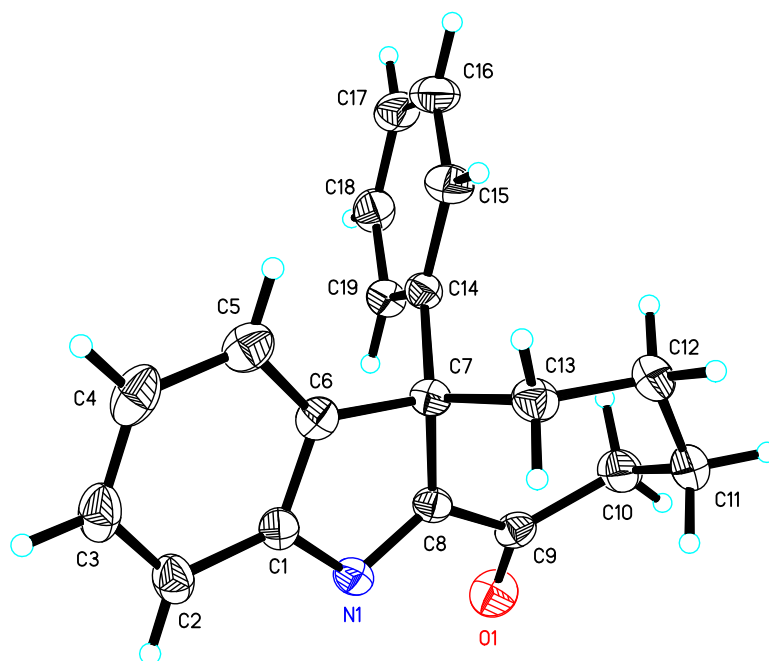
Compound 4i': 24 mg, 48%, A yellow solid, m.p. 110-112 °C; IR (CH₂Cl₂): ν 3058, 2927, 2853, 1527, 1445, 1078, 754, 701 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 1.11-1.84 (m, 1H), 1.53-1.82 (m, 5H), 2.13-2.19 (m, 1H), 2.50-2.56 (m, 1H), 2.70-2.77 (m, 1H), 2.99-3.06 (m, 1H), 7.09 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.19-7.30 (m, 4H), 7.53 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃, TMS): δ 25.0, 27.1, 29.9, 32.6, 34.3, 66.4, 120.0, 122.0, 125.5, 125.7, 127.0, 127.6, 129.0, 140.0, 146.4, 153.9, 190.3; MS (EI) m/z (%): 261 (6.2) [M⁺], 259 (100.0), 258 (64.4), 248 (19.9), 230 (22.4), 219 (41.9), 218 (33.7), 204 (22.6); HRMS (EI) Calcd. for C₁₉H₁₉N (M⁺) requires 261.1517, found: 261.1512.



The crystal data of **2a** and **4i**



The crystal data of **2a** have been deposited in CCDC with number 949600. Empirical Formula: $C_{16}H_{13}N$; Formula Weight: 219.27; Crystal Color, Habit: colorless; Crystal Dimensions: 0.212 x 0.158 x 0.112 mm; Crystal System: Orthorhombic; Lattice Parameters: $a = 16.7246(16)$ Å, $\alpha = 90$ deg. $b = 7.1468(7)$ Å, $\beta = 90$ deg. $c = 20.1020(19)$ Å, $\gamma = 90$ deg.; $V = 2402.7(4)$ Å³; Space group: $Pbca$; $Z = 8$; $D_{calc} = 1.212$ g/cm³; $F_{000} = 928$; Diffractometer: Rigaku AFC7R; Residuals: R ; R_w : 0.0457, 0.1231.



The crystal data of **4i** have been deposited in CCDC with number 1003610. Empirical Formula: $C_{19}H_{17}NO$; Formula Weight: 275.33; Crystal Color, Habit: colorless; Crystal Dimensions: 0.199 x 0.176 x 0.123 mm; Crystal System: Monoclinic; Lattice Parameters: $a = 9.2535(19)$ Å, $\alpha = 90$ deg. $b = 14.994(3)$ Å, $\beta = 101.697(4)$ deg. $c = 10.714(2)$ Å, $\gamma = 90$ deg.; $V = 1455.7(5)$ Å³; Space group: P 2₁/n; $Z = 4$; $D_{calc} = 1.256$ g/cm³; $F_{000} = 584$; Diffractometer: Rigaku AFC7R; Residuals: R ; R_w : 0.0591, 0.1604.

Computational details

The geometries of all systems have been optimized at BPW91 level. The 6-31G* basis sets were used for C, H, N, O atoms and the 1997 Stuttgart relativistic small-core effective core potential Stuttgart RSC 1997 ECP)20 for Rh, augmented with a 4f function [$\zeta_f(\text{Rh}) = 1.350$], which is denoted as BSI composite basis set.^[5] The subsequent frequency calculations on the stationary points were carried out at the same level of theory to ascertain the nature of the stationary points as minima or first-order saddle points on the respective potential energy surfaces. All transition states were characterized by one and only one imaginary frequency pertaining to the desired reaction coordinate. The intrinsic reaction coordinate (IRC) calculations were carried out at the same level of theory to further authenticate the transition states. The conformational space of flexible systems has first been searched manually. Thermochemical corrections to 298.15 K have been calculated for all minima from unscaled vibrational frequencies obtained at this same level. In the present computational studies, we employed $\text{Rh}_2(\text{formate})_4$ as models for $\text{Rh}_2(\text{esp})_2$ -catalyzed reactions due to the computational tractability.

The optimized structure of Rh_2 -Nitrene intermediate **A'** at BPW91/BSI level is shown in Scheme S1. The Mulliken spin density on nitrogen atom is 1.05, indicating one unpaired electron is localized on the nitrogen atom center. Thus, this intermediate has radical character.

Scheme S1. The optimized structure of Rh_2 -nitrene and its character

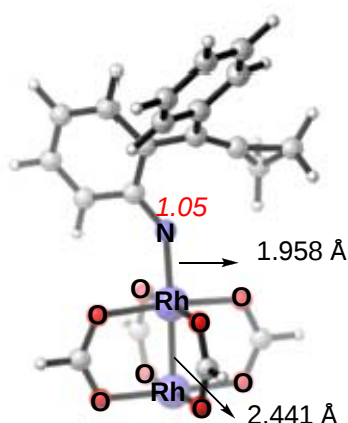


Table S1. The total energies, enthalpies and free energies of all species shown in Scheme 5.

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TS3

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TS4

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E2

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B3

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TS5

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